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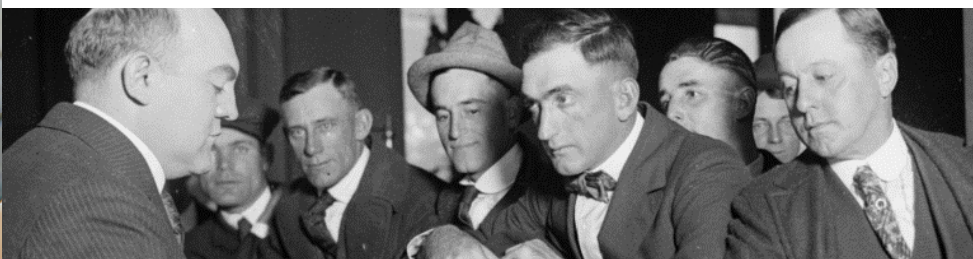
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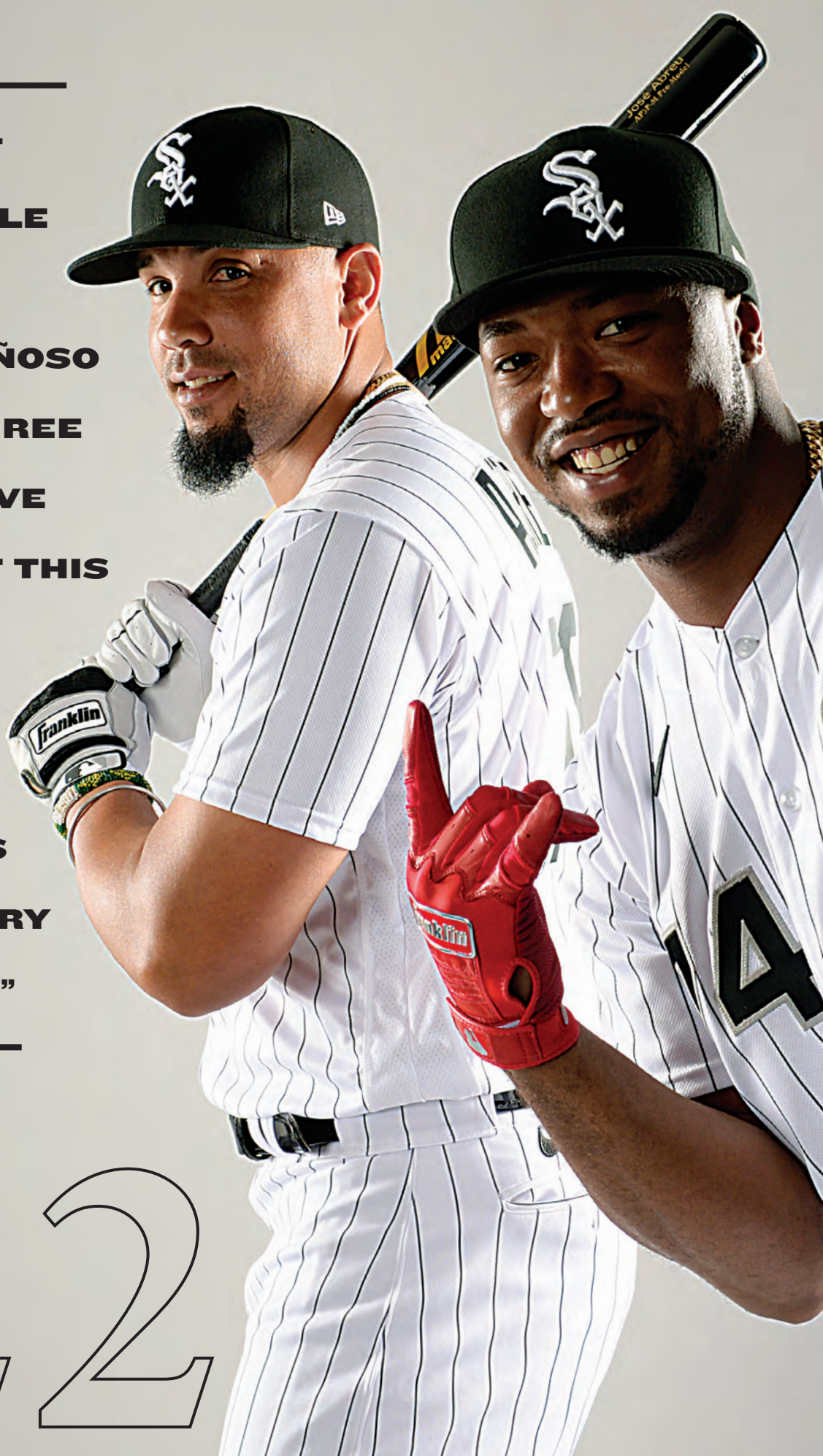
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OPTIMISM RULES AS SOX STRIVE FOR A CHAMPIONSHIP

By Scott Merkin

REBUILDS, BY NATURE, ARE NOT FUN.

Losses pile up, year after year. Prospect development isn't always linear, meaning even the highest-graded talents might take a few more weeks, a few more months, maybe even an extra year to figure it out.

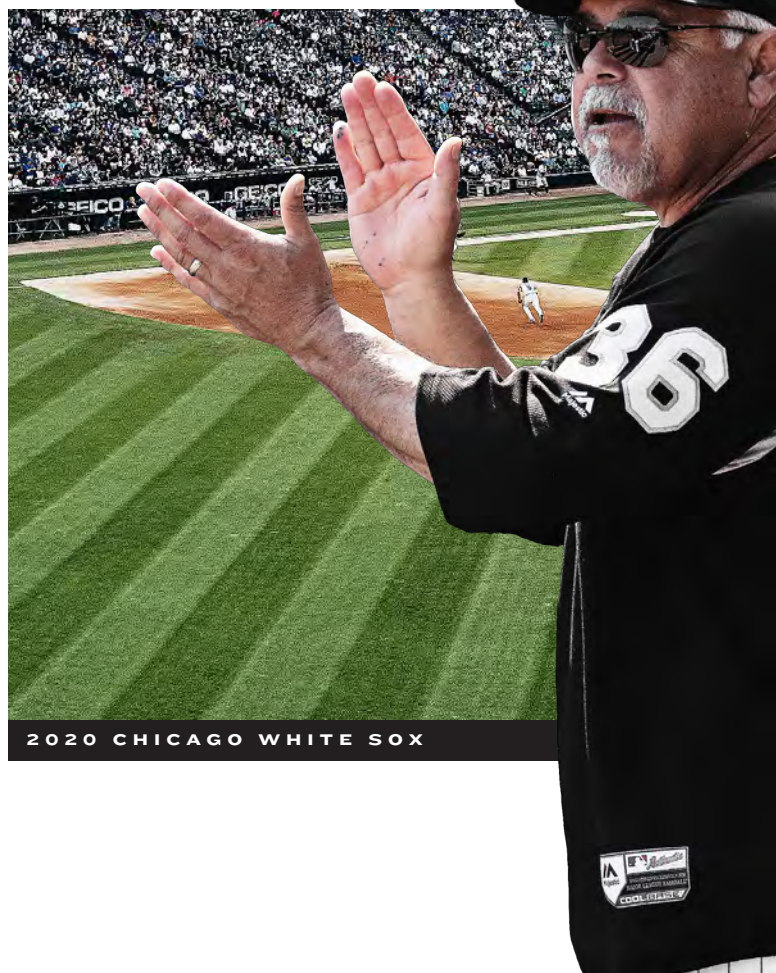
So, excuse the White Sox if they are a bit giddy. There was World Series talk emanating from the first days of spring training, and manager Rick Renteria confidently stated as far back as SoxFest how he would be disappointed if the team didn't reach the playoffs this season.

That optimism comes from an organization with just 72 wins in 2019, marking a 10-win-increase from the season before. It's also coming from a group riding the crest of stellar offseason work from general manager Rick Hahn, executive vice president Ken Williams and the entire front office signaling the end of their rebuild's beginning phase.

Talk and good vibes, however, don't automatically translate to wins, as Hahn readily understands.

"Here's honestly how I view it: I view it two ways. One, that's great. I'm glad the offseason resonates with people," Hahn said. "I'm glad people appreciate what we added. I'm glad it looks good on paper. And I'm glad that people get excited over it. I would much prefer that over skepticism or doubt or not understanding what we did or why.

"It's a positive. But truly it means nothing if it doesn't in the end yield a championship. I don't mean to be glib or dismissive of the offseason praise or grades or all the other things we've won. But it really is binary: we either win a championship or we don't."



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Hahn just might have come up with a new White Sox slogan while answering a question about off-season buzz surrounding the team during his pre-SoxFest press conference at Guaranteed Rate Field. He was asked about feeling if the team had accomplished something or a feeling of satisfaction, and he stated, "Ask me after the parade."

"This whole process was about winning championships, was about finishing with a parade at the end of October down Michigan Avenue," Hahn said.

"Until that happens, I don't think any of us are really in a position to feel satisfied or feel like we've accomplished anything.

"We've had a nice winter. We've had, frankly, in our opinion, a real nice three years since we started with the Chris Sale trade. We think very bright days are ahead of us, and we look forward to enjoying them."

Trading arguably the best starting pitcher in the game and one of the best starting pitchers in franchise history in Sale was not an easy decision. The same goes for moving José Quintana, who the White Sox developed into a frontline starter, or outfielder Adam Eaton, who was viewed as a core piece in the White Sox future.

But the team wasn't winning with those standouts. It was a front-loaded organization lacking sufficient depth to compensate for underperformance, injury or both. So, the rebuild began.





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In the Sale trade with the Red Sox, the White Sox acquired third baseman Yoán Moncada and right-handed pitcher Michael Kopech in the five-player deal. Although Kopech is working his way back from Tommy John surgery in September 2018, both players are integral parts of the core pushing toward championships in the near future.

Starting pitchers Lucas Giolito, Reynaldo López and Dane Dunning were obtained by the White Sox in the deal sending Eaton to the Nationals. Giolito finished tied for sixth in the American League Cy Young voting in 2019, López remains a part of the rotation and Dunning is dealing with a Tommy John surgery recovery of his own but should help out at the big-league level by 2021 at the latest.

And it was left fielder Eloy Jiménez and right-handed pitcher Dylan Cease who served as the centerpieces of a rare deal with the Cubs, sending Quintana across town. Quintana helped the Cubs win the N.L. Central in 2017 and reach the playoffs in 2018, but in the long term, the White Sox might have picked up a rebuild fulcrum in the power-hitting, always upbeat Jiménez and a rotation staple in Cease.

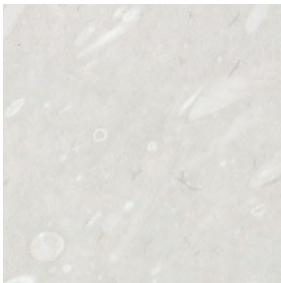
This offseason featured the addition of catcher Yasmani Grandal, left-handed starters Dallas Keuchel and Gio González, reliever Steve Cishek and designated hitter Edwin Encarnación through free agency. José Abreu returned via a three-year, \$50 million deal, while the White Sox extended center fielder Luis Robert, the top outfield prospect in all of baseball per MLB Pipeline, before he played a single big-league inning. Left-handed hitting right fielder Nomar Mazara also was brought in via trade from Texas.

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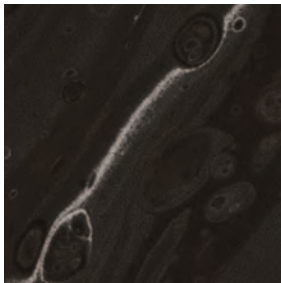
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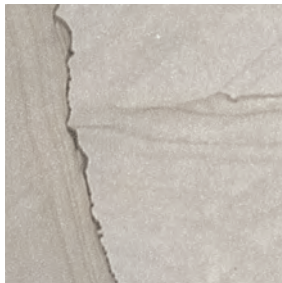
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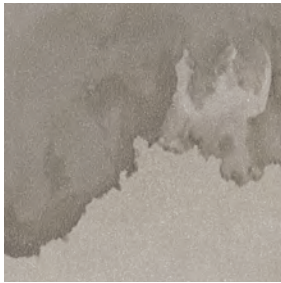
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-ABREU

Take a quick journey back to Hahn’s press conference to close the 2019 season. He pretty much laid out this basic plan of attack without specifically going into the players targeted — and the White Sox were able to check off every box toward team improvement.

“There’s a very positive vibe going on...I think for a couple of reasons. First, obviously the excitement about (this) season, which comes with the additions and comes with the growth of the young core,” Hahn said.

“But second, you can also sort of see how this thing looks like it may come together over the next several years.

“It’s not just a one-year jump or something that regardless of how well this year goes is going to be out of grasp for us in the near future. When we started this whole process, it was about putting ourselves in position for annual contention.

“There certainly is an enthusiasm in that coaches room and in that clubhouse that the period of contention could conceivably begin this season. But as you look around and you see the guys that are not only here in terms of the veterans, but some of the young prospects that are coming behind them, you see we’ve gotten this into a position where we’re probably talking brighter years, not months.”



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That potential breakthrough in 2020 is not lost on Don Cooper. The White Sox pitching coach is the only member of the staff who was part of the 2005 World Series title or the 2008 A.L. Central winners, marking the last time the team reached the playoffs.

"NOW IT'S TIME FOR US TO START TO CLIMB THIS YEAR."

-COOPER

"Now it's time for us to start to climb this year," Cooper said. "Hopefully it takes us to the playoffs. That's certainly the goal, getting to the playoffs and eventually to win championships. I'm just happy it looks like the playing field has been leveled and now we have a fair chance.

"I now know what the Cubs and Houston and all the other teams we've seen rebuild have gone through. It's no fun. It looks like better times ahead. You don't want to go through these trials and tribulations and continue to work hard and not get rewarded."

The White Sox rebuild growth was evident simply by comparing where the team stood at the end the 2018 campaign to the end of 2019. Moncada had a decent first season in '18, but also struck out 217 times. Shortstop Tim Anderson hit .240, and Giolito had the highest ERA of all major-league qualifiers. Even the steady and productive Abreu dealt with a pair of maladies at the end of the season, knocking down his production below what had become expected over the past four years.

Flash forward to the end of the 2019 season, and Anderson was standing with his American League batting title and .335 average next to Abreu and his 123 RBIs, good enough for the A.L.'s top spot. Giolito's excellence already has been discussed, with the right-hander revamping his mechanics, mindset and work in between starts during the previous off-season. Moncada just might have had the best overall season of any White Sox position player.



IT LOOKS LIKE BETTER TIMES AHEAD >>

**GIOLITO HAD THE HIGHEST E.R.A.
OF ALL MAJOR-LEAGUE QUALIFIERS.**

Big results reinforced the White Sox desire to start supplementing the core through key veteran pieces. They also gave this young core confidence in 2019 as only being the start of something special.

"My confidence level is very high right now after what I did last season," said Moncada through interpreter Billy Russo. "I'm sure I'm able to do big things and I feel good for this season."

MY CONFIDENCE LEVEL

IS VERY HIGH RIGHT NOW // YOÁN MONCADA



"We all know the kind of talent that we have," said Abreu, also through Russo. "It's on us, the veteran guys, the guys who have been in the game longer than them, just to guide them. Coach them, try to make the most of their abilities and to support them, and remind them to have fun in this game, because that's important. That's going to be our job. With the talent that they have, they can do whatever they want to do."

Abreu's return was important as a middle-of-the-order force and a positive clubhouse influence. That same sort of combination runs throughout the veterans added by Hahn, with the White Sox looking to set a very specific tone in their clubhouse.

Grandal is a switch-hitting power presence behind the plate along with a master handler of the pitching staff and a top-rated pitch framer, but also comes with five straight seasons of playoff experience. Encarnación brings a true power presence as well as an experienced designated hitter, as opposed to a converted position player trying to fill the spot. He also has played in the postseason the past five seasons.

González returns to his original organization, having made eight playoff starts during his time away, while Keuchel was an integral part of the Astros' World Series championship in 2017. They will not only help the White Sox win, but teach the younger players how to get there.

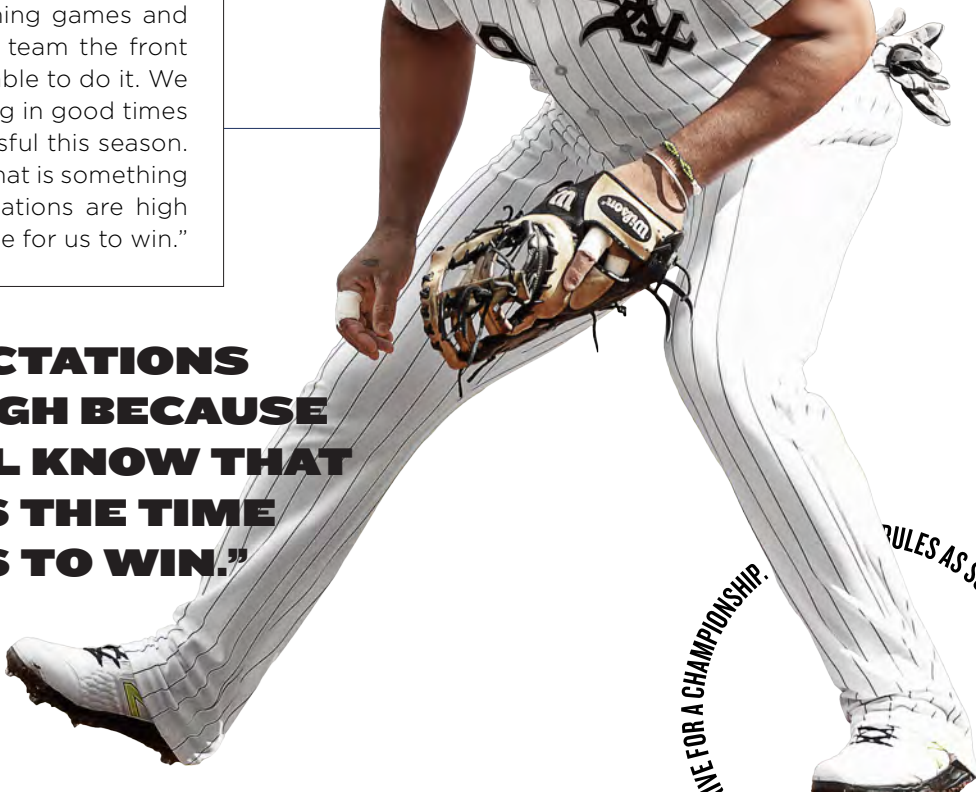
"It's just that time for us to start winning games and to be relevant," Abreu said. "With the team the front office put together, we're going to be able to do it. We have to be united. We need to be strong in good times and bad times if we want to be successful this season. With the guys that we have right now, that is something that's doable. That's our goal. Expectations are high because we all know that this is the time for us to win."

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"We're as strong as our weakest link, right?" asked Grandal rhetorically. "I feel like we need to make everybody better, it doesn't matter if you're a reliever or a position player. I'm going to do my homework on everybody and make sure everybody is on the same page and then we'll go from there. We'll make adjustments as the year goes on. So, the quicker we can do it, the better."

"If I said we weren't trying to win a World Series, then I'd be lying," White Sox catcher James McCann said. "You go into every season with an expectation to win. This season is obviously no different, but there is a little more now in regard to the moves that were made in the offseason. It's win now, and it's not just get to the playoffs, it's to win a World Series."

Winning a World Series might be a far-reaching dream for 2020. But anything is possible with the rebuild moving to a competitive stage.

"We certainly expect there to be brighter years ahead," Hahn said. "But we knew we were going to pay a cost for it on the front end. It wasn't easy on anybody." ♦

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& THE ASCENDANCY OF JOSÉ ABREU

By Art Berke



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Tuesday, October 29, 2013, the White Sox formally introduced 26-year-old Cuban slugger José Abreu.

It was a celebration of a major free-agent signing and the acquisition of a potentially game-changing player, but it was more than that. The day also accentuated one of the proudest traditions for the Sox — the franchise's close connection to the enormous baseball talent that has crossed boundaries over the decades to enter the United States from the island of Cuba.

A classic photo taken that day symbolizes the iconic moment. It shows nine-time All-Star Minnie Miñoso — the Godfather of Cuban major leaguers who became known as “Mr. White Sox” because of his electrifying style of play and infectious personality — posing with Abreu, the latest in the long line of Cubans to play for the Sox. This relationship would prosper until Miñoso's death in March 2015.

“I will never forget the day I met Minnie,” Abreu recalled of the man known as the Cuban Comet. “As part of his valuable guidance, Miñoso gave me three keys to have success at this level — discipline, punctuality and hard work. ‘Those will bring you good results in the majors,’ he said to me. I’ve always followed his advice every single day.”

Through 2019, a total of 21 Cuban-born players have worn a White Sox uniform. The number will increase to at least 23 this season with the arrivals of All-Star catcher Yasmani Grandal, signed as a free agent in the offseason, and toolsy outfielder Luis Robert, arguably the game's top prospect.



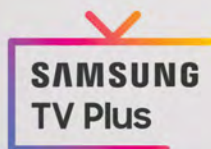
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In addition to Abreu, affectionately called Pito, here are some of the more prominent names who followed in Miñoso's footsteps on the South Side:

- Shortstop **Alexei Ramírez** (2008-2015), an eight-year starter and All-Star.
- Right-handed pitchers **José Contreras** (2004-09) and **Orlando "El Duque" Hernández** (2005), both standout performers on the 2005 World Championship club.
- Righty **Sandy Consuegra** (1953-56), an All-Star who was 16-3 with a 2.69 ERA in 1954.
- Right-hander **Luis Alomá** (1950-53), 18-3 as a Sox reliever with a 3.44 ERA and 15 saves.
- Left-handed reliever **Rudy Árias**, a member of the 1959 American League champion Sox.
- Outfielder **Dayán Viedo** (2010-14), who hit 25 homers in 2012.
- Third baseman **Yoán Moncada**, who is coming into his own after debuting in 2017 and has perennial All-Star written all over him.

Ramírez, Viedo and catcher Adrián Nieto were all with the Sox when Abreu arrived in 2014. It was the first time in 45 years as many as four Cuban players appeared in a big-league lineup.

Abreu, now 33, has an explanation as to why the White Sox-Cuba marriage has been so successful. He expressed it in the context of his attempt to convince Robert to join the Sox when the latter was a free agent and deciding his future.

"I just told him that the White Sox organization was a great organization...that will take care of the Cuban players and has a high respect for us, and that it would be very special to have him playing with us."

The Sox' philosophy of treating Cuban players, and all Latinos, is simply to find ways to give the players help transitioning to the United States and to make them feel as comfortable as possible.

For example, after thriving early on with the New York Yankees following his defection from Cuba where he was a dominant pitcher, Contreras found himself experiencing hard times. After being traded mid-season to the Sox in 2004, things changed. He found a caring manager in Ozzie Guillén and a year later, El Duque entered the picture, mentored him and helped him make changes in his delivery. Contreras made an impressive turnaround and won 16 consecutive decisions as one of the aces of a pitching staff that won the World Series.



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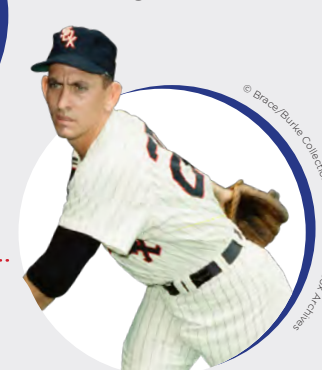
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While Guillén had much to do with Contreras’ comfort zone, Spanish-speaking Sox manager Rick Renteria is making a huge impact with the current Cuban players. And Robert, who will be making his big-league debut this season, is also thankful to have fellow countrymen Abreu and Moncada around to help.

“That’s really special for me,” Robert commented. “It’s really helpful to have two fellow Cubans who have gone through this before. They share advice, tell me where to go and show me how to be a professional player.”

Abreu had a similar decision after the now three-time major-league All-Star defected from Cuba in 2013 following a stellar career there. As a free agent who set a Cuban home run record and won an MVP in 2010-2011 for Cienfuegos in the competitive Serie Nacional de Beisbol, he chose the White Sox and signed a six-year deal. Then, he came through on his promise to return when he signed a new three-year contract with the Sox this past offseason.



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“This is a dream come true for me and my family,” José said after signing his new pact. “To the fans, I told you I would come back. I never doubted it. Everybody knows the group of talented players we have, and I want to help guide them and together make the Chicago White Sox a championship team.”

To say the Sox/Abreu relationship has worked out beautifully is an understatement and both parties hope there is more success for José and the ball club in the future.

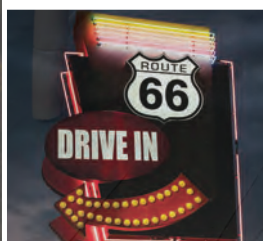
It's hard to imagine Abreu's major-league career starting out any better. After joining the Sox, Abreu took baseball by storm as a rookie during the 2014 season — and he's continued to excel.

That year, he was the consensus choice for American League Rookie of the Year, won his first of two Silver Slugger awards and ranked fourth in the American League MVP race as a result of a .581 slugging percentage (1st), a .964 OPS (2nd), 36 homers (T3rd and a Sox rookie record), 107 RBI (4th), .317 batting average (5th), .383 on-base percentage (5th), and 35 doubles (T10th).

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And here are more of **José Abreu's** noteworthy accomplishments:

- In his six seasons with the White Sox, Abreu already ranks among the all-time franchise leaders in home runs (6th, 179), slugging percentage (6th, .513), extra-base hits (9th, 411) and OPS (9th, .862).
- If Abreu hits nine more homers in 2020, he'll pass Magglio Ordóñez and move into fifth place on the franchise's all-time list. Next up are Carlton Fisk (214) and Harold Baines (221). Only Frank Thomas (448) and Paul Konerko (432) have hit more home runs for the White Sox.
- On the extra-base-hit list, Abreu needs only 32 more to pass Ordóñez and Fisk for the seventh spot. Sixty-four more will exceed the totals of Miñoso and Hall-of-Famer Nellie Fox (474) for fifth place. Hall of Famers Baines (585) and Luke Appling (587) loom after that with Thomas (906) and Konerko (846) ranking 1-2.
- Another 20-plus homer season in 2020 for José will tie Harold Baines for third place with seven. Konerko (13) and Thomas (11) again lead the way.
- Abreu stands as one of only three players in big-league history (Hall-of-Famer Joe DiMaggio and future Hall-of-Famer Albert Pujols are the others) to begin his career with four seasons of at least 25 homers and 100 RBI.
- Last season he became the fourth player in White Sox history to record four seasons of 30-plus home runs and 100-plus RBI. He joined Thomas (eight), Konerko (five) and Magglio Ordóñez (four).
- In 2019, Abreu joined Dick Allen (113 in 1972) as the only players in Sox history to lead the American League in runs batted in. José finished with 123 and has driven in 100-plus in five of his six seasons with the Sox.
- He was the A.L. total bases leader in 2017 with 343.
- He has posted four 30 or more home run seasons (2014, 2015, 2017, 2019).

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- Yoán Moncada

In addition to those impressive numbers, Abreu has evolved into a team leader, known for his work ethic and example he sets for the young players who comprise the core of the rebuild — Moncada, Robert, Tim Anderson, Aaron Bummer, Dylan Cease, Eloy Jiménez, Lucas Giolito, Reynaldo López, among others. His role will take on increasing importance this season as the Sox are gunning for a playoff spot.

“The impact that I don’t think he really knows that he has is how hard a worker he is. He’s a superstar,” said teammate James McCann. “He’s a three-time All-Star, he puts up unreal numbers, he’s setting organizational records. But you wouldn’t know that based on the way he acts, the way that he goes about his business, the way he works. He’s the first one in the cage, he’s in the weight room every day, he leads by example.

“So, for me, the impact that he has is when a young kid shows up there and thinks he’s made it and then looks at this guy over here who’s busting his tail day in and day out. That’s only a good thing. It helps the culture. It helps the clubhouse realize, ‘Hey, we’ve still got to work.’”

“Everybody knows the kind of person that he is,” Moncada added. “Everybody knows he’s our leader. He’s our mentor. He’s been on this team in the big leagues for a long time now, and he’s always trying to lead by example. He’s always trying to take care of the young guys, but actually he’s always trying to take care of everybody around the team. That’s something that shows you the great person he is. That’s something that

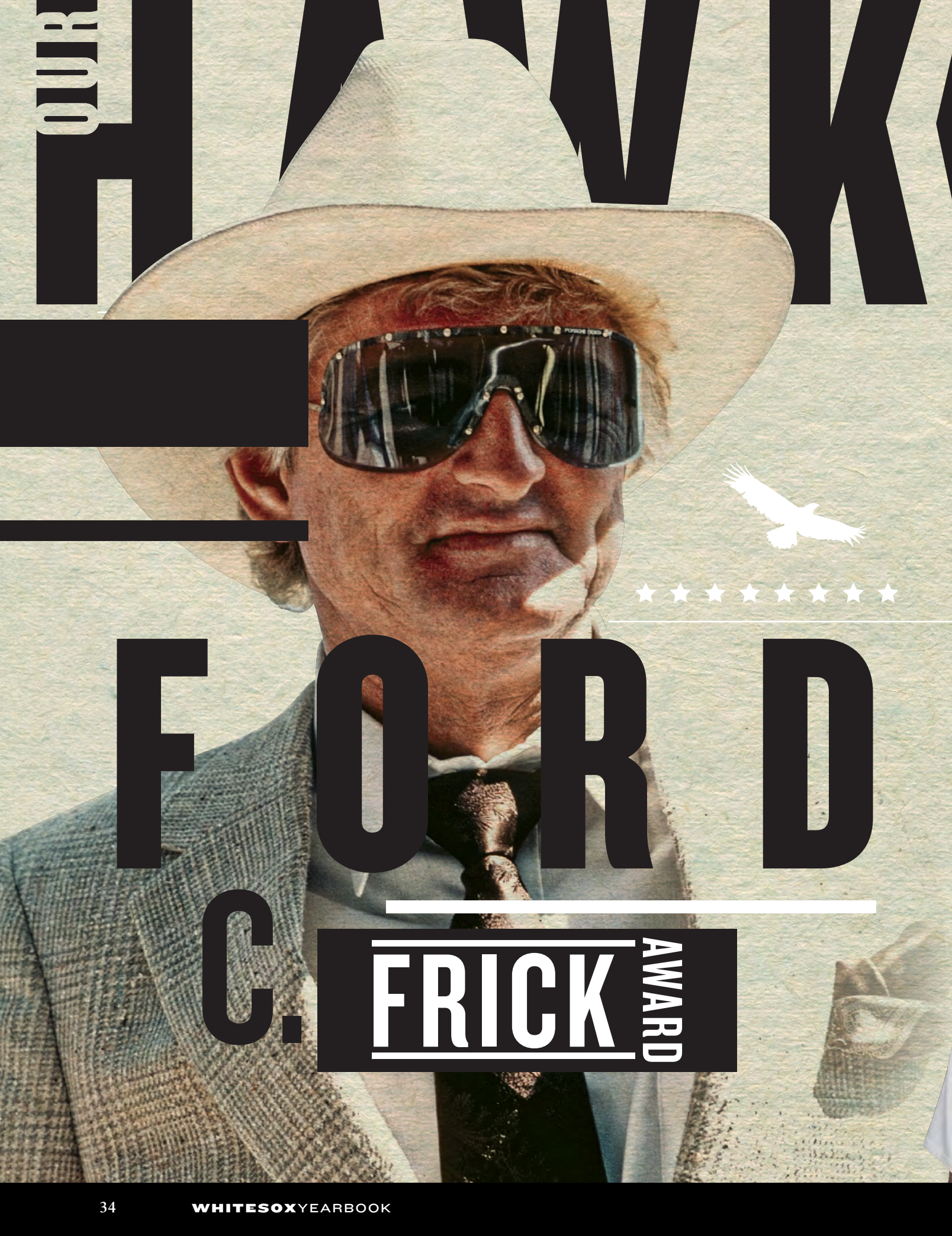
shows you the kind of leader he is. Everybody follows him. I follow him. The other guys follow him because he’s an example for all of us. That’s something that really has stuck with us about Pito.”

Off the field, he has made significant contributions to the community, creating Abreu’s Amigos in partnership with Easterseals for youngsters with special needs.

“I checked the mission of Easterseals and how they worked with the kids, and I fell in love with the idea and mission. I feel very glad to do it right now,” Abreu said. “I just want to help them to up the quality in their life. Not just the kids, their parents. They are the ones that are with them every day, and they suffer also. I think everything I can do to help them is a good thing for them.”

As a result of the respect he has earned, Abreu has inherited the mantle of the revered elder statesman — and he wears it well. And there is no doubt, based on the above testimony and the thoughts expressed by Sox general manager Rick Hahn below, that he will continue to have a significant impact on all of his teammates.

“From the moment he stepped into the major leagues, José Abreu has been a leader on the field and in the clubhouse,” said Hahn. “He has consistently delivered run production at a historic pace, and with each passing season, his leadership role in our clubhouse — with both American-born and Latin American players — has repeatedly grown.”★



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You could almost hear the chorus from White Sox and Hawk fans chanting his signature call upon learning that Harrelson had been selected as the winner of the Frick Award — and the celebration will continue on Saturday, July 25 as part of Hall of Fame Weekend 2020 in Cooperstown, New York. Really, there can't be any other way to react to the historic news that the long-time White Sox announcer became the 44th winner of the coveted honor.

It would have come as no surprise if Harrelson blurted his popular White Sox home run chant upon receiving the call in December from Hall of Fame President Tim Mead, informing him that he was now a member of the exclusive club. But for once in his life, he was speechless, overcome by the emotion of the moment.

"It was one of the few times I did not know what to say," Harrelson said.

Even a couple months later, as Harrelson talked from his winter home in Orlando, Florida, he said the whole thing still feels a bit overwhelming.

"It really didn't hit me until three or four days (after hearing the news) when people were coming up to me and saying, 'Congratulations,'" Harrelson said. "People I didn't know wanted to take their picture with me. It started to set in that this is a big deal."

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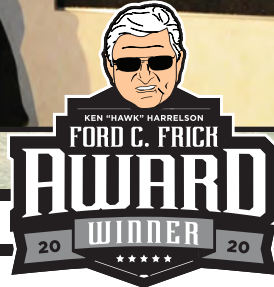
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Indeed it is. Harrelson spent 42 years as a major-league broadcaster, dating back to his debut in the Boston Red Sox booth in 1975. He became a treasured icon in Chicago during his 33 years as the one-of-a-kind voice of the White Sox.

If Harrelson struggled for the right words, his White Sox friends and colleagues were more than happy to put the honor in its proper perspective.

“This is something that should have happened a long time ago,” said White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf. “Everyone has been talking about Hawk’s personality and his phrases such as ‘Put it on the board.’ Everyone is overlooking the fact that he actually taught the game of baseball. If you watched White Sox telecasts and you listened to Hawk, you learned something about the game.”

“Hawk changed the language of the game,” said Steve Stone, who worked alongside Harrelson for 10 years. “He touched many lives, and to the White Sox and baseball, he was an original unique voice of the game.”

“This is a long overdue honor for Hawk, his family and everyone associated with White Sox baseball,” said A.J. Pierzynski, the former Sox catcher who Harrelson considers as a son. ‘Put that on the board, yes!’”

There’s that line again, right? By the way, its origin came from two sources. “Put it on the board” came from Harrelson’s days as a professional golfer when

he yelled at an operator of a manual scoreboard to put his score on the board after he made a 25-foot putt for birdie. “Yes” came from Harrelson’s reaction to nervously watching his daughter, Krista, nail a dive in competition.

“One day when I was calling a game, it just came out,” Harrelson said. “You can put it on the board! YESSS!”

It is a call that certainly helped Harrelson earn a spot in Cooperstown.



DADGUMMIT/YOU'VE GOT TO BE BLEEPING ME ★ ★ ★

How many people do you know who use the phrase “Dadgummit?” Probably not many.

The phrase goes back to Harrelson's Georgia roots. It is the companion to “You've got to be bleeping me” as another TV appropriate version of him expressing frustration on the air.

Harrelson's fans knew when they heard those lines something did not go in favor of the White Sox. Along with his celebratory calls, his intense reactions to the tough plays and tough calls also demonstrated his passion to the Sox.

Go ahead and call Harrelson a homer. He wore that label with immense pride.

“One day, a guy from the *Wall Street Journal* calls me. He said, ‘You're the No. 1 homer in baseball,’” Harrelson said. “That's the best compliment you can give me. That made my day. When we lose, there's not a person in that clubhouse who is more upset than me.”

Indeed, Reinsdorf remembered many times Harrelson would sit in his office, “still living last night's game.”

Ironically, the man who hired Harrelson and Don Drysdale for the White Sox TV booth in 1982, originally wanted more of a straight broadcast. Reinsdorf grew up in Brooklyn listening to the legendary Red Barber calling the Dodgers games.

“You knew (Barber) wanted your team to win, but he never said, ‘C'mon, let's get a hit,’ Reinsdorf said. “When Drysdale and Harrelson first came here, I asked them not to be homers. And that went over like a lead balloon. So when Hawk came back (in 1990), we turned him loose. That's what the market wanted.”

Reinsdorf added, “What stands out for me was the passion in how Hawk called a game. How hard he rooted. How into the game he was. Hawk was the ultimate fan.”

There was no doubt about that.



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HE GONE! GRAB SOME BENCH ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

This is Harrelson's memorable call celebrating a White Sox pitcher striking out a hitter. Its roots come from playing with the 1967 American League champion Boston Red Sox.

“When I was standing in right field, and (1967 A.L. Cy Young award winner) Jim Lonborg struck out a Harmon Killebrew or Mickey Mantle, I'd say, ‘He gone. Go grab some bench,’” Harrelson said.

There is an element of defiance in that call with the pitcher dispatching the hitter to the bench. It underscores a key element in Harrelson's approach to broadcasting.

Harrelson was well aware he had more than his fair share of critics of his work in the booth. There were people who didn't like his broadcast style, claiming he was too over-the-top and, again, too much of a homer.

Harrelson insists he never let the criticism deter or change him. He always referred back to advice he got from two legends when he was breaking into the business with the Red Sox in 1975.

“I'd only been announcing for a couple months when I got a call from (legendary announcer) Curt Gowdy,” Harrelson said. “He said, ‘I want to give you the best advice you'll ever have. Don't try to please everybody. You can't do it’. Three weeks later, (another broadcast legend) Howard Cosell called me. He told me almost exactly the same thing. ‘Don't try to please everybody’. When those guys tell you something like that within weeks of each other, you definitely listen.”

Now Harrelson sees it as his duty to share that advice with future broadcasters.

“I've gotten hundreds and hundreds of letters from aspiring young announcers,” Harrelson said. “If the letters are well-written, I'll call them back. I always tell them, ‘Don't try to please everyone, because you can't. I lived by that credo, and I think it worked out.’”



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This phrase is another Southern thing. "I'm from Savannah, Georgia. Everyone down there says 'Mercy,'" Harrelson said.

Harrelson usually shouted out "Mercy!" to use as an exclamation mark for a great play, regardless if it was performed by a White Sox player or an opponent. What makes this phrase so terrific is its brevity. One word conveyed so much.

Indeed, for everything Harrelson is known for, he is perhaps most proud of one element of his broadcast style that flew under the radar. In that same *Wall Street Journal* story that proclaimed him the game's top homer, it also said he ranked second among baseball announcers for using the fewest words in a telecast.

"I felt really good about that," Harrelson said.

Once again, it dates back to advice when he was starting with the Red Sox. Gene Kirby, a former announcer who served as an executive for the team, told him, "You can't dominate the telecast. You've got to let the pictures dominate the telecast."

During his long run with the White Sox, Harrelson always felt blessed to work with producer/director Jim Angio, who he considers "a Hall of Famer." Harrelson was famously known for going silent as another way of expressing his frustration during a game not going the Sox way. But there were many other times when he stayed quiet to allow Angio to enhance the telecast.

"Jimmy was a great producer," Harrelson said. "During a key moment in a game, I would hit the cough button (allowing him to speak to Angio without being heard over the air), and I'd say, 'Get to work, buddy. I'm laying out.' Jimmy would get those great close-ups of the pitcher and the batter. Those pictures really put the game in perspective."



THE BIG HURT ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Harrelson did not know Frank Thomas was going to be a Hall of Famer when he affixed the famous nickname on him early in his career. He was just reacting to what the slugger performed on the field.

"It just happened," Harrelson said. "Every time he swung the bat, he just hurt it. All of the sudden, he hit a homer, he goes around first base, and I blurt out, 'The Big Hurt.' It stuck."

Thomas is glad that it did.

"I will always appreciate Hawk coining 'The Big Hurt' nickname because it was a huge part of who I was as a ballplayer," Thomas said.

Thomas provided many highlights, as did numerous other White Sox players who received nicknames courtesy of Harrelson: "Black Jack" McDowell, Lance "One Dog" Johnson, Craig "Little Hurt" Grebek, Paul "The Professor" Konerko to name a few.

However, when it comes to selecting his most memorable moment in calling Sox games, Harrelson doesn't think twice with his reply.

"My biggest moment was Mark Buehrle's perfect game (against Tampa Bay in 2009)," Harrelson said. "The reason is Mark Buehrle the person. He is my all-time favorite White Sox player. If it had been someone else pitching a perfect game, I'd say, 'Nice game.' That's it. But when you see someone like Mark pitch a perfect game, well, I cried."

THIS GAME IS OVAH ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Harrelson laughed when asked if he will use another one of his signature phrases to end his Hall of Fame speech. "This game is ovah" would be the ideal closer.

"Maybe, we'll see," Harrelson said.

Harrelson knows his speech will be something he thinks about right up until the big day in July.



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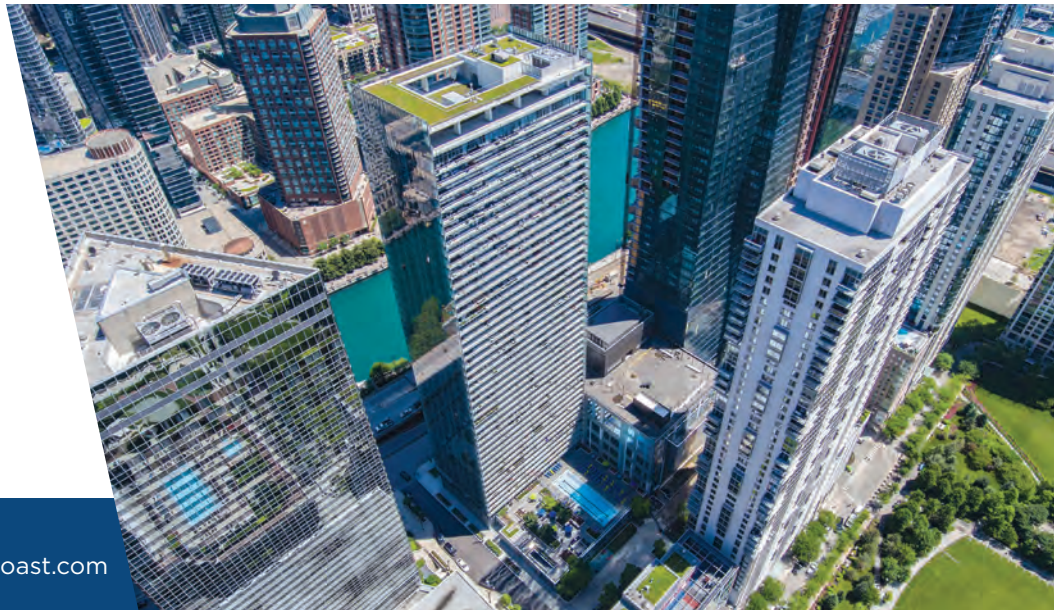
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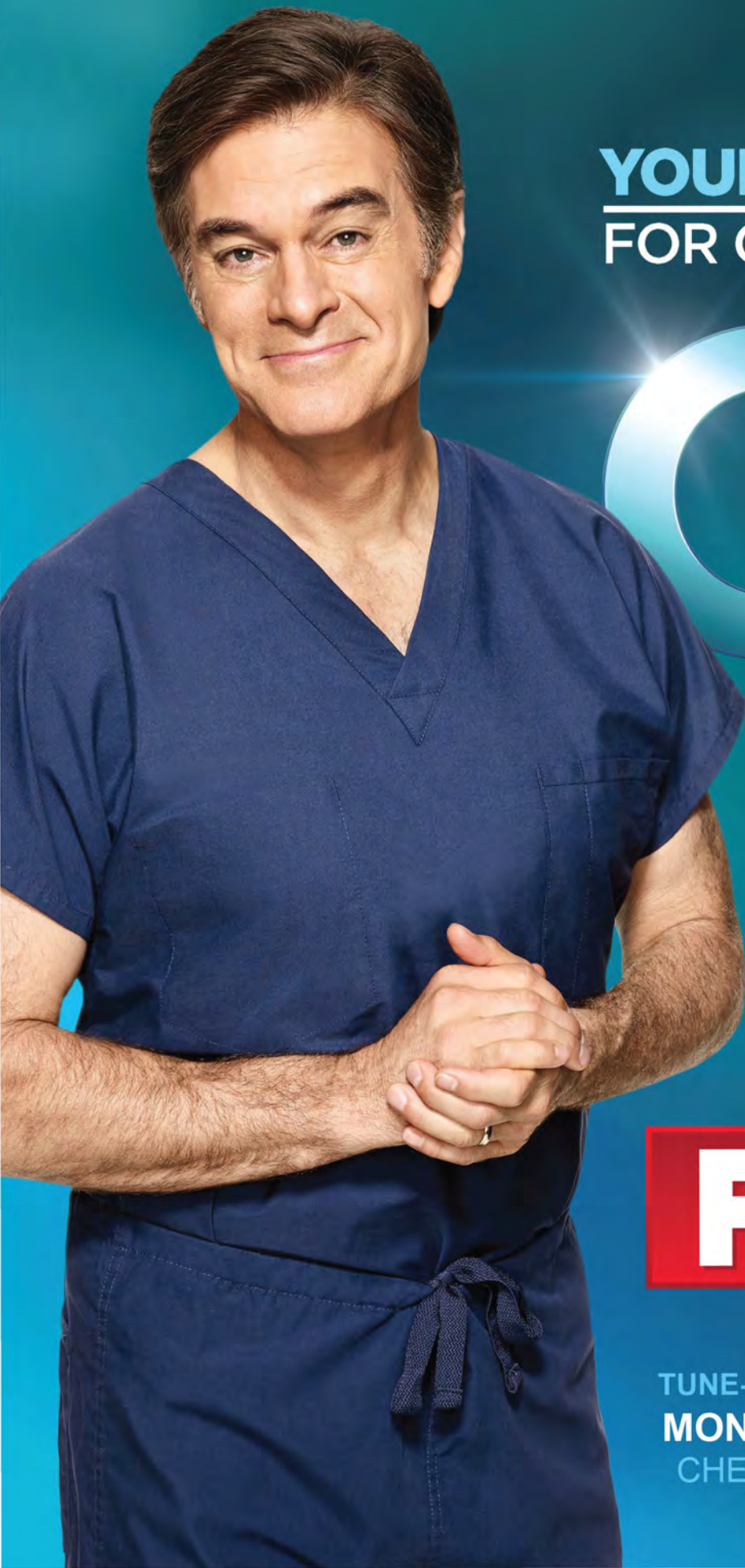
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"I really don't know what my speech will be," Harrelson said. "It might be off the cuff. That's usually the way I like to give speeches. They say the speech is supposed to be 7-9 minutes. If I could, I would go 7-9 hours, 7-9 weeks, 7-9 months talking about the game I love so much."

Harrelson does know he is going to thank the many people, including Angio and Kirby, who helped him reach the Hall.

"A lot of people made this possible," Harrelson said. "It's not only me. There are so many people behind the scenes. You've got to have a lot of help to get here."

Harrelson knows he will express his appreciation to Reinsdorf, the White Sox and the fans.

"There's not a better organization in baseball than the Chicago White Sox," Harrelson said. "Chicago is special and unique. I love the fans here. It's as good as it gets."

The emotions figure to be flowing when Harrelson thanks the most important people in his life: His wife, Aris, his children Casey and Krista, and his two grandsons, Nico and Alexander.

"I'm so happy for my family that they get to be a part of this," Harrelson said. "I'm happier for them than I am for me."

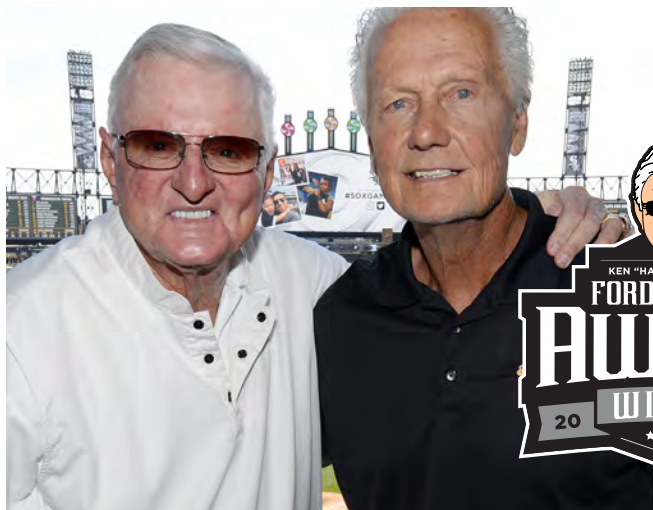
Earning a spot in the Hall of Fame is a terrific achievement, but it does not mean that Harrelson's baseball journey is "ovah," as he would say. Far from it.

Besides the trip to Cooperstown, 2020 is special to Harrelson for another reason. Starting as a 17-year old in the Kansas City Athletics farm system in 1959, the 78-year old Harrelson now joins baseball lifers like Tommy Lasorda and his good friend Bob Uecker as one of the few individuals with a career that has touched eight decades in the game. He cherishes that distinction as much as the Frick Award.

It is that kind of longevity that has Harrelson looking forward to another season in his post-broadcast role as a White Sox ambassador. While he isn't on the air anymore, he still gets to talk baseball with the fans.

"I've been so fortunate," Harrelson said. "Throughout my whole career, I always said I am the luckiest guy ever to set two feet on the face of the earth. I never had really considered myself anything but a baseball man."

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JACK BRICKHOUSE 1983: While he was better known for his work with the Cubs, Brickhouse also had a long run working on the South Side. In 1942, when Elson joined the Navy, he took over calling his first Sox games on radio. In 1948, he became the television voice of White Sox and Cubs home games on WGN. Brickhouse did White Sox telecasts through the 1967 season. His memorable calls included the White Sox pennant-clincher in Cleveland in 1959 and Joel Horlen’s no-hitter in 1967.

HARRY CARAY 1989: Caray spent 25 years in St. Louis with the Cardinals and the first 11 of his 27 years in Chicago as the voice of the White Sox. He came on board in 1971, and his unique broadcast style and personality quickly made him a fan favorite. He remained with the White Sox through 1981 before moving over to the North Side to join the Cubs.

MILO HAMILTON 1992: Hamilton’s long broadcast career had its roots with the White Sox. He served as Elson’s radio partner for four seasons from 1962-65. Hamilton moved on to call games for the Atlanta Braves and the Chicago Cubs, before becoming the voice of the Houston Astros from 1987-2012. While with the Braves, Hamilton called Hank Aaron’s 715th homer in 1974.



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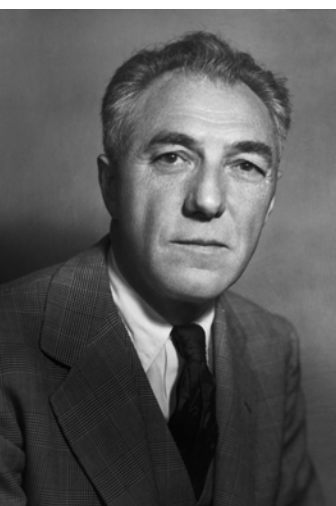
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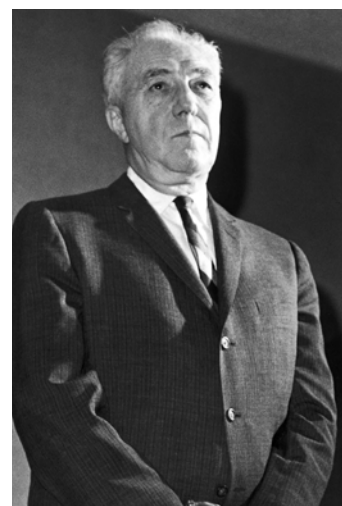


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Harrelson never met Ford Frick, whose name is on the award he will receive in July from the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown that recognizes broadcasters who have made major contributions to the game. However, Frick was in the later years of his tenure as commissioner (1951-1965) when Harrelson broke into the big leagues with the Kansas City Athletics in 1963.

“I would have liked to have met him,” Harrelson said.

Frick had quite a career in the game. He started as a sportswriter in New York, covering the Yankees from 1923-1934. That gave him a first-hand view of Babe Ruth’s dominance. He also became close to the Yankees slugger, serving as the ghost writer of a book Ruth did on baseball.

In 1934, Frick was hired to be the National League’s public relations director. He held his new position for only nine months before he was elected as president of the National League after outgoing president

John A. Heydler resigned because of poor health. Soon after assuming power, Frick campaigned for a Hall of Fame that would honor baseball’s greatest baseball players.

“Why not start a baseball museum, and a Hall of Fame, and have something that will last?” Frick said, leading the way to the Hall being opened in 1939.

As National League president, Frick threatened to ban members of the St. Louis Cardinals who had planned to boycott games involving the Brooklyn Dodgers and Jackie Robinson in 1947. The Cardinals backed down.

Frick became commissioner in 1951. His tenure saw baseball expand from 16 to 20 teams and ushered in the television era to the game. After retiring in 1965, Frick was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1970. The award to honor the game’s greatest broadcasters was named after him in 1978.

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Andrew "Rube" Foster

Minnie Miñoso was known for many big moments in a Chicago White Sox uniform.

None, however, had more significance than May 1, 1951, when he became the franchise's first black player and, in his first at bat, blasted a two-run homer off the New York Yankees' Vic Raschi. That iconic moment also bridged the segregated and integrated eras in Chicago baseball history.

It was fitting for Miñoso to be Chicago baseball's integration pioneer and for him to start it on the South Side. Minnie was a product of the Negro Leagues, which thrived until the color barrier in the major leagues was broken, and that memorable 1951 game wasn't his first time playing in Comiskey Park. The Cuban native had played at Comiskey as a member of the New York Cubans in the 1947 edition of the Negro National League's East-West All-Star Game.

The special place Chicago and the White Sox hold in black baseball history is worth revisiting as Major League Baseball celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Negro National League (NNL) in 2020. The White Sox connection to the Negro Leagues dates back to the very foundations of organized black baseball with Rube Foster and the Chicago American Giants in the 1910s.

A Texas native with immense baseball talent, Andrew "Rube" Foster made Chicago his home in the early 1900s. He arrived in 1902 as arguably the best pitcher in the black baseball circuit. Over the next three decades, he went from star pitcher of the Union Giants team to player, manager and owner of the American Giants.

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The White Sox were among the first major-league teams to open their ballparks to host Negro League games, a key component to why they hold a special place in black baseball history. The team's move to Comiskey Park in 1910 freed up South Side Park, located on 39th Street and Wentworth Avenue. South Side Park became the American Giants home when John Schorling, Sox owner Charles Comiskey's son-in-law, agreed to lease the park to Foster. Over the next decade the American Giants were one of the strongest teams in black baseball.

In February 1920, Foster joined with other black baseball owners to officially form the Negro National League, formalizing what had previously operated as an informal circuit. Foster became league commissioner and established NNL headquarters in Chicago. In addition to Foster's American Giants, the new league included

teams in Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Memphis and St. Louis. The Cuban Stars, an eighth NNL team, played a portion of its home games in Chicago in 1920.

Fans who gathered at South Side Park witnessed the best of the Negro Leagues as the American Giants enjoyed much success from 1920 to 1931. South Side Park, which also became known as Schorling Park, hosted 12 Negro League World Series games between 1924 and 1927. The team won four NNL pennants with a lineup that featured slugging outfielder Cristobal Torriente, slick-fielding infielder Dave Malarcher, and the powerful first baseman John Beckwith. However, fire destroyed South Side Park in 1940 and, thereafter, the American Giants played home games at Comiskey Park when the White Sox were on the road.





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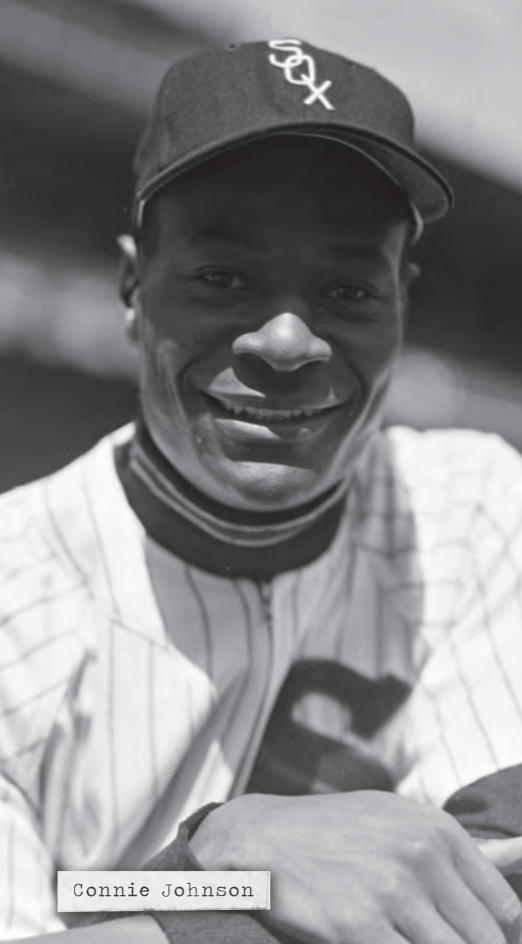


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The American Giants were not the only Negro League action fans could enjoy on Chicago's South Side. In 1933 the Negro League began holding the aforementioned East-West All-Star Game at Comiskey Park, an event baseball historian Larry Lester called "Black baseball's national showcase."

The East-West Game was quite the affair. Bronzeville and South Side communities came alive as establishments hosted concerts and family reunions. A constellation of stars gathered in Chicago, according to Hall of Famer Monte Irvin, who starred with the Newark Eagles in the Negro Leagues before joining the New York Giants.

"[Black entertainment celebrities like] Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday would always make it their business to be in town for the East-West game, and we'd be sure to check them out at the jazz clubs. People would come from all over the country to be part of the spectacle. They came all the way from Mississippi, New Orleans, Birmingham, Mobile, Kansas City, Detroit, and from all over just to see the big stars," Irvin recalled in his 1996 autobiography "Nice Guys Finish First."

"The weekend was always a party," Buck O'Neil told the historian Lester. "All the hotels on the South Side were filled. All the big nightclubs were hopping. (Famed singer) Lena Horne was at the Regal Club, and all the pubs had live entertainment. If you were anybody, you were at the East-West Game," O'Neil insisted.

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The highlight, of course, was the actual game at Comiskey Park. Attendance in the 1930s reportedly ranged from 25,000 to 30,000. A record crowd of 50,485 attended the 1941 contest. Over the years, fans saw Negro League greats such as Satchel Paige, James "Cool Papa" Bell, Buck Leonard, and Josh Gibson perform. They would also get the first glimpses of the greatness of Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, and Miñoso before these men became part of the generation that integrated Major League Baseball.

Integration was the ultimate game changer. As these and other players like Irvin, Larry Doby, Roy Campanella and Don Newcombe followed Robinson to the majors, attendance at Negro League games plummeted. The American Giants disbanded after the 1952 season and the East-West Game was last played in 1953.

For the White Sox, their early season trade with the Cleveland Indians for Miñoso in 1951 initiated racial integration for the South Siders. The Sox signed other black players in the years that followed, including Bob Boyd and Connie Johnson, both of who had played in the Negro Leagues. In 1956, Miñoso was joined in the White Sox outfield by Doby who had launched integration in the American League with Cleveland in July of 1947.

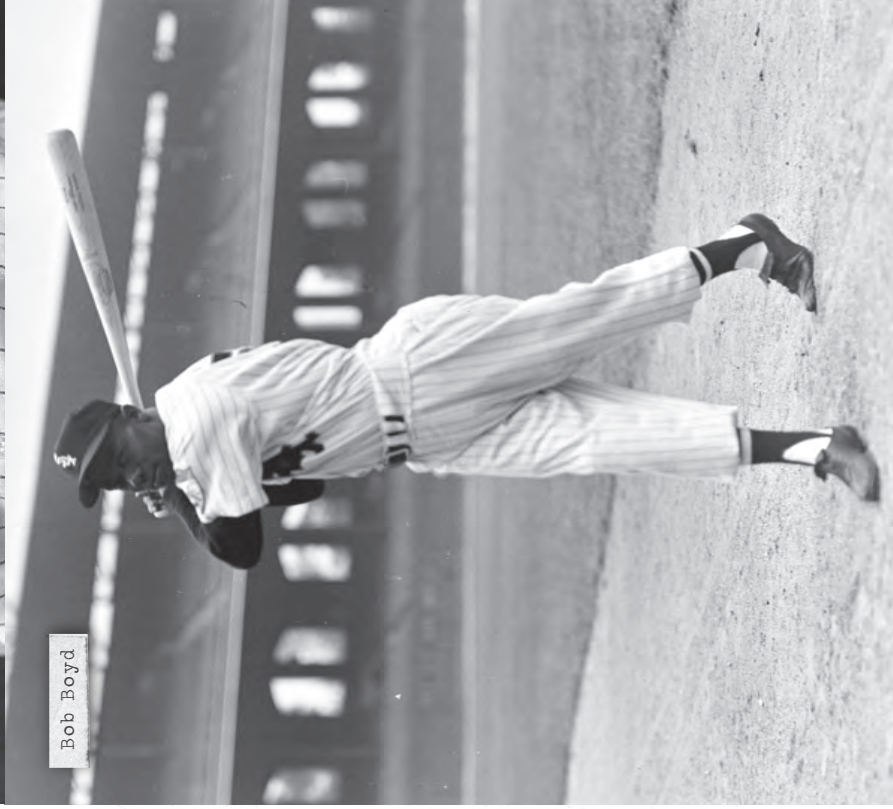
Miñoso, however, was the one who first captured the heart of White Sox fans as a representative of the talented black players who had previously been excluded. His playing style and cheerful personality embodied the greatness of the Negro Leagues, as did the intelligence and pride of Rube Foster. Together, these men changed the game in Chicago baseball. ■

Together, these men changed the game in Chicago baseball.

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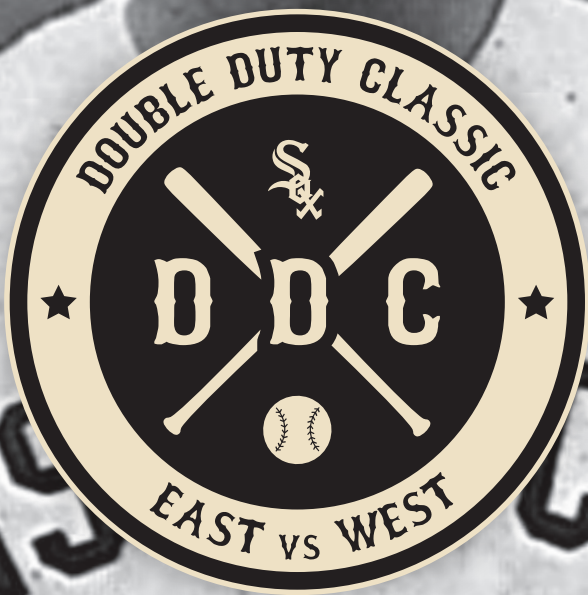
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Double Duty and the Classic Named In His Honor

Fan voting was part of what made the East-West Game special. Fans cast their ballots through the *Chicago Defender*, *Pittsburgh Courier*, and other African-American newspapers. Among the fan favorites was Ted “Double Duty” Radcliffe, who earned the nickname for being a stellar pitcher and catcher who on several occasions started one game of a doubleheader on the mound and the other behind the plate.

A native of Alabama, Ted Radcliffe migrated to Chicago along with his brother Alex as teenagers. The two arrived in 1919 as part of the Great Migration, the mass population shift of African Americans from the South that occurred in the early 20th century. Both became stars in the Negro Leagues with Ted building a career that took him from player to manager and, in the 1960s, a baseball scout for the Cleveland Indians.

Double Duty made Chicago home after his long career in professional baseball. A terrific story-teller, he became a regular at Negro League events sharing stories about playing across the United States, Mexico, and the Caribbean. He became a fixture at Negro League commemorative events hosted by the White Sox. In 2007, the Sox honored the impact made by Radcliffe by naming their annual high school showcase game the Double Duty Classic.





THE LEGEND OF Shoeless Joe Jackson



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As the mystical figure who emerged from a Midwest cornfield to play baseball on the big screen in “Field of Dreams,” Shoeless Joe Jackson captured the hearts of millions of fans. The Chicago White Sox star, who fell from grace in the Black Sox scandal, was given a chance at redemption thanks to the imagination of an Iowa farmer through the magic of cinema.

But actor Ray Liotta’s portrayal of the Chicago White Sox star — as an eloquent, slick-haired New Yorker with a choppy right-handed swing and a nostalgic fondness for train travel — bore little resemblance to the real Joe Jackson.

In real life, Jackson came from the cotton mills of South Carolina, spoke with a tobacco-stained Southern drawl, and swung his beloved “Black Betsy” bats from the left

side of home plate. His uppercut swing was so powerful that a young Babe Ruth copied it before he went on to set home run records. “His [swing] is the perfectest,” Ruth said in 1919, the same year Jackson and seven White Sox teammates were bribed by gamblers to lose the World Series to the Cincinnati Reds.

In “Field of Dreams,” as farmer Ray Kinsella (played by Kevin Costner) plowed over his cornfield to build a baseball diamond that gave the Black Sox one more chance to go the distance and play ball, he offered a broad defense of Jackson’s statistics during the 1919 World Series. He cited his record-tying 12 hits, a team-high .375 batting average, and hitting the fall classic’s only home run. All of those facts were true. What’s also true is Jackson knowingly accepted a \$5,000 bribe, and that sealed his fate.



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After he was banned by Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis, Jackson's story became part of baseball lore. One hundred years later, we are still wrestling with his legacy and debating his role in the sport's biggest scandal. Although millions of words have been written about him, his life before and after the 1919 World Series remains a mystery to most fans.

If not for the Black Sox scandal, Jackson might simply be known as "the greatest natural hitter in the history of the game," as Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) biographer David Fleitz wrote. His .356 career batting average over 13 seasons from 1908 to 1920 still ranks as the third-highest of all time, behind Hall of Fame greats Ty Cobb and Rogers Hornsby. Not bad for a country boy from Greenville, South Carolina, who never learned how to read or write.

"All the big sportswriters seemed to enjoy writing about me as an ignorant cotton-mill boy with nothing but lint where my brains ought to be," Jackson said later.

"That was all right with me. I was able to fool a lot of pitchers and managers and club owners I wouldn't have been able to fool if they'd thought I was smarter."

— Jackson



Jackson didn't have much time for formal education while growing up in a Southern textile factory town, where he began working at the age of six. "It don't take school stuff to help a fella play ball," he said. Brandon Mill, where his father George worked, sponsored a baseball team that played against neighboring mills. By the time Joe was 13, he was talented enough to join a lineup full of adult men. As Jackson dominated the industrial leagues as a teenager, a fan carved a massive 36-inch, 48-ounce bat from a hickory tree, darkened it with tobacco juice, and gave it to the youngster. Joe called it "Black Betsy" for good luck and took it with him to the major leagues.



In 1908, the 20-year-old Jackson began playing professionally with the Greenville Spinners of the Carolina Association, where he was tagged with the nickname Shoeless Joe by a sportswriter. He played one game in his stocking feet because his new baseball cleats weren't broken in, and the nickname stuck.

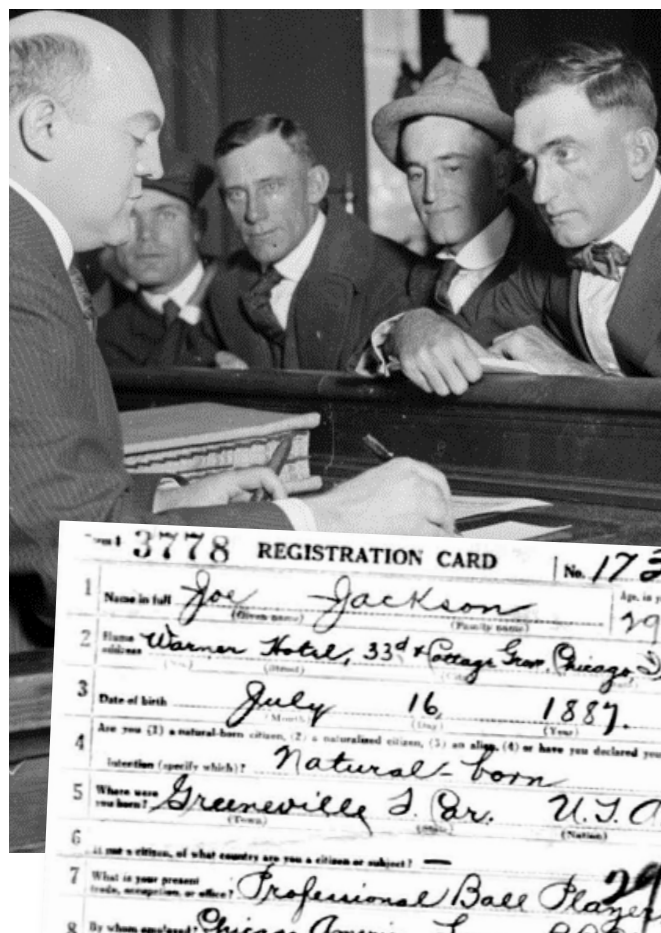
That summer, Jackson's contract was sold to the Philadelphia Athletics. He quickly became homesick on his first trip north and struggled in the big city, hitting just .130 in 23 at-bats. He was also teased mercilessly by his more educated teammates because he was illiterate. Manager Connie Mack tried to help Jackson feel more comfortable but eventually gave up and traded him to Cleveland near the end of the 1910 season.

Surrounded by friendlier faces, Jackson blossomed into a star in Cleveland. In 1911, he set rookie records with 233 hits and a .408 average (although he still finished as the runner-up in the batting race to Ty Cobb.) He followed that up with an American League record 26 triples in 1912 and a league-leading .551 slugging percentage in 1913. He maintained a .400 batting average over his first 430 games with Cleveland; no player had ever gotten off to such a wildly successful start. The sky seemed the limit for Jackson.

But his days in Cleveland were numbered, as team owner Charlie Somers fell into significant debt fighting off the threat of an upstart third major league, the Federal League. He sold Jackson to the White Sox in 1915. The three-player deal was worth \$65,000, then the largest transaction in baseball history.

In Chicago, Jackson resumed his superior hitting and combined with future Hall of Famers Eddie Collins, Ray Schalk and Red Faber to lead the White Sox to a World Series championship in 1917. But America's entry into World War I helped spoil the celebration and soured relations between Jackson and fans in the Windy City.

In 1918, the United States government issued a "work or fight" order to all able-bodied men, including professional athletes. Like many of his peers Jackson took a defense-industry job, in his case at a Delaware shipyard, where he spent his time playing baseball as a morale booster for nearby soldiers in training. But he was singled out as an "unpatriotic" draft dodger in the press and treated as a "slacker" by White Sox owner Charles Comiskey, who threatened to blacklist any shipyard players from rejoining the major leagues once the war ended.



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Comiskey's stance softened when it came time to rebuild his roster for the 1919 season and Jackson signed a new contract with the White Sox. He rebounded to hit .351 and clinched the A.L. pennant with a dramatic walk-off single against the St. Louis Browns in late September. With their championship core intact, the White Sox were favored to win the World Series. However, despite Jackson's gaudy statistics, they were overpowered by the Reds in the best-of-nine series. It took almost an entire year to find out exactly why.

Jackson was one of the first players to confess his involvement in the Black Sox Scandal, testifying to a Chicago grand jury on the same day as ace pitcher Eddie Cicotte near the end of the 1920 season. It was a confession that sent shock waves throughout the baseball world. At first, Jackson provided a detailed account of the World Series fix and his agreement to throw games for a promised \$20,000 payoff. Over the years, his story changed, and he began to proclaim complete innocence in the scandal. Nevertheless, he was banned by Commissioner Landis, and his storied major-league career ended abruptly at the age of 32.

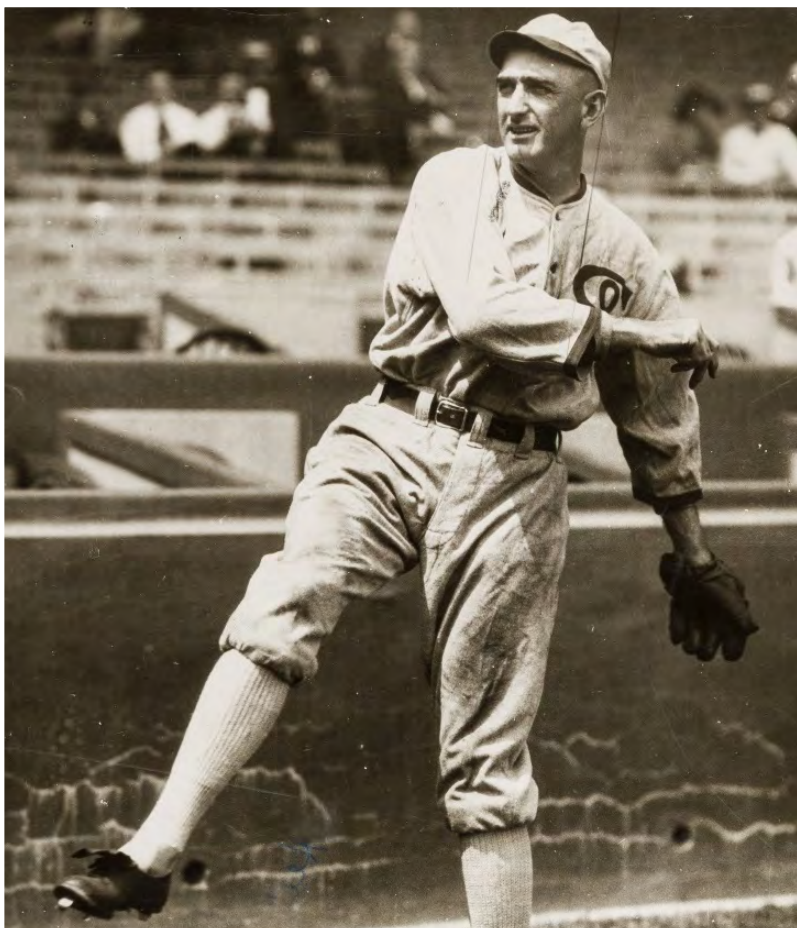
Unlike the fictional Joe Jackson in "Field of Dreams," the real-life version didn't spend the rest of his days "waking up and scratching...itchy legs that turned to dust," dreaming of playing baseball again. He continued to play in front of adoring fans all over the South for

many years in "outlaw" and semipro leagues, sometimes with and against his former Black Sox teammates, until hanging up his spikes for good in 1937. As Ray Kinsella's father could attest, "He put on 50 pounds, and the spring was gone from his step, but he could still hit."

Jackson also became a shrewd and successful businessman, partnering with his wife Katie on a series of dry cleaners, restaurants, and finally a liquor store in his hometown of Greenville. Despite not being able to read or write, he forged a better life for himself after baseball than any of the other banned Black Sox players. He was immensely proud of what he accomplished on and off the field and held his head high until his death at the age of 64 in 1951.

His legacy, his controversial role in the Black Sox scandal, and his case for the Baseball Hall of Fame may continue to be debated for the next 100 years. But none of that mattered to Shoeless Joe Jackson. In the end, he had little pain to ease. ♦

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By Leo Brady - Film Critic for AMovieGuy.com

The measure of a great movie is when it spans from decade to decade and is as good on the first viewing as it is on the tenth. That rings true for *Field of Dreams*. It's the perfect sports movie, one that reminds us why we love baseball, while adding its own traditions in the process. After 31 years, Major League Baseball announced it will be going back to where it all happened, the heart of America, in Dyersville, Iowa. In August of 2021, the Chicago White Sox are tentatively scheduled to play an official regular season game at the site of *Field of Dreams*, an event that will undoubtedly be remembered for years to come. It will be an honor for the team to compete at such an historic site, but it will also be a time for a brand new generation of baseball fans to be introduced to director Phil Alden Robinson's Oscar-nominated picture. *Field of Dreams* doesn't just capture the spirit of baseball, it reminds us that baseball is a part of us all.



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I couldn't tell you when it all clicked for me personally. I learned about baseball the same way you might have, playing little league, going to White Sox games with my family, or watching other kids around me play. It just so happens that it was around that time that I first saw *Field of Dreams*, based on W.P. Kinsella's book. It's a movie that teaches us about the past, but what it really teaches us is the romantic side of baseball. It's an introduction to the beauty that lies underneath the competition, the sweat, and the dirt. We love the sunshine on the bright green grass, putting our leather glove to our face, the smell of hot dogs and peanuts at the park. All of those senses were there when you went to a baseball game, but *Field of Dreams* with credit to the screenplay by Robinson, awoke something that was there all along. It reminded us that having a catch with our dad is a special moment. It's okay to cry watching *Field of Dreams* because baseball matters. It's called America's pastime for a reason. Although the rules have adapted to the times, it's still a game with a glove, a bat and a ball. *Field of Dreams* not only transcends cinema, it became a moment where baseball and movies became one.

Finding Redemption in the Field of Dreams:

It's fascinating to think that the 1919 Chicago White Sox still have a place in Major League Baseball in the year 2020. It has been 101 years, but with the recent scandal of the Houston Astros stealing signals, it has led to newspapers, sports radio, and social media bringing up the dark history of the Black Sox scandal all over again. Unfortunately, it is often under negative circumstances, but for better or worse, that White Sox team will forever be a part of our Major League Baseball lore. But the underlying theme of *Field of Dreams* is redemption, finding forgiveness for the people we love, and a place for people to find peace. When Shoeless Joe Jackson (played by Ray Liotta) makes his arrival to the newly erected baseball field, it's a moment for him to be in his sanctuary, a place where he felt alive. Shoeless Joe delivers the famous line, "getting thrown out of baseball was like having part of me amputated." It's not a statement we can't understand. We all have a passion in life, a hobby, a purpose. The 1919 White Sox were a team of great players and eight of them committed the ultimate sin of throwing the World Series for money. Maybe those players would have done things differently had they known the consequences, but in a world that rarely believes in second chances, *Field of Dreams* is a movie that teaches us to find a way to forgive the sinner. The 1919 Chicago White Sox were a great team, which also committed terrible mistakes. They will never receive total redemption, nor should they, but they will never be erased from MLB history.



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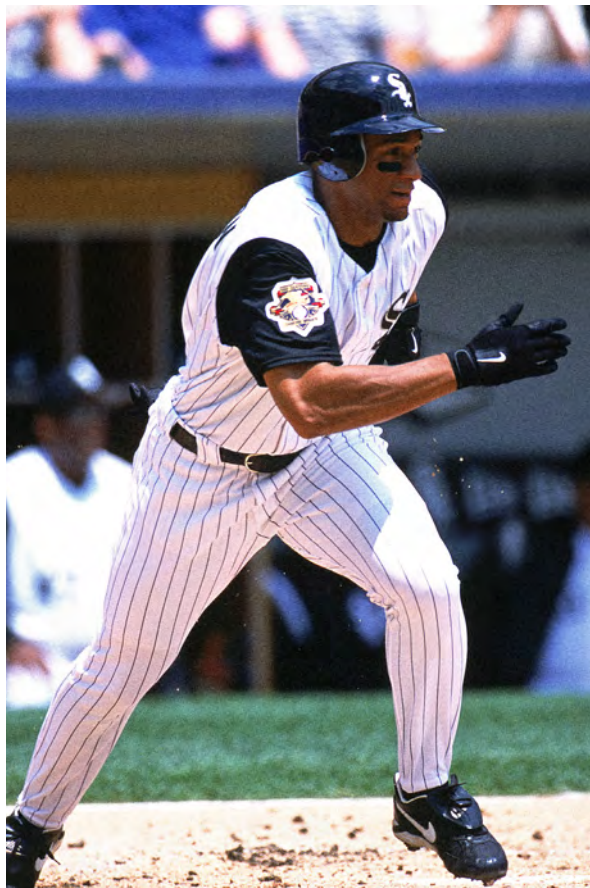
AN AMAZING TEAM

Heading into the 2000 season, the White Sox weren't exactly a team many people were picking to click.

The roster was full of talent, there was little doubt about that, but the Sox weren't really viewed as legitimate playoff contenders for a couple of reasons.

First, they hadn't played baseball in October since 1993. Second, only four of their regular players were age 30 or older. Third, the White Sox were playing in the American League Central, a division ruled by the Cleveland Indians, who were the overwhelming favorite that year to win the division for the sixth straight year.

On all fronts, though, the Sox were up for the challenge.



Chris Singleton — #12

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"I guess maybe we were too young to know any better," said **Chris Singleton**, the White Sox' 27-year-old center fielder at the time. "Back then, we didn't have all the analytics to say maybe we won't do that great. So there was this old-school confidence, kind of 'Why not?' The Indians had a roster full of All-Stars. That wasn't going to be easy by any means, but I think we were more excited about our growing talent and our potential to go out there and play well and win games.

We knew we were an underdog in that division, but maybe that helped."

Looking back as we commemorate the 20-year anniversary of that team, it is impossible to forget a highly entertaining group of players that grew from Opening Day through the rest of the season and slugged its way to first place in the Central with a 95-67 record.

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"It was just a core group of guys that really understood one another," said **James Baldwin**, who was 14-7 as a 28-year-old starter for the 2000 White Sox.

Rotation mate **Mike Sirotko** concurred.

"A pretty significant number of guys on that team came up together through the minor leagues," said Sirotko, who was 15-10 with a 3.79 ERA as a 29-year-old lefty. "Just a bunch of young guys that didn't know better. Great chemistry, hands down the best professional team I was ever on. Great camaraderie and everybody pulling for the same common goal. Looking back, you really appreciate what we did a little bit more and realize how difficult it truly is. It's something that stands the test of time. Obviously, it's great in the moment but nice to look back on it and realize you did something pretty special."



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There were no shortage of special moments with those 2000 Sox, fronted by A.L. Manager of the Year **Jerry Manuel** and featuring Hall of Famers **Frank Thomas** and **Harold Baines**, who played in 24 games at designated hitter after being acquired in a July 29 trade from the Orioles.

Mark Buehrle, a 21-year-old lefty, also made his major-league debut that season and **Jon Garland** took the mound for 13 starts at the age of 20.

The season started with some fireworks in the form of a brawl against the Tigers at Comiskey Park, now Guaranteed Rate Field.

"People ask me if I was in a fight when I played, I just tell them to Google that one," workhorse relief pitcher **Kelly Wunsch** said with a laugh.

In an April 22 game against Detroit, the benches cleared in the seventh inning and again in the ninth. Five players were hit by pitches and when the dust finally cleared, 11 players were ejected.

"It did sort of help bring us all together as a unit," said Wunsch, who led the White Sox with 83 appearances as a rookie. "If there are factions on a team, (a fight) erases that and brings everyone together. It gives you an identity, a little bit of a chip on your shoulder that you're not going to get pushed around. It's not something I'd recommend teams do, but I do think it brought us together."

After the brawl with the Tigers, the Sox took their anger out on opposing pitchers and lit up the scoreboard the rest of the season.



Frank Thomas — #35

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Magglio Ordoñez — #30

"It was great," said Singleton, who went 5-for-5 and had five RBI in the White Sox'14-6 win over Detroit on the day of the brawl with the Tigers. "Our offense was outstanding. We had some guys."

Not surprisingly, Thomas was the main guy. "The Big Hurt" batted .328 and had 43 home runs and 143 RBI while finishing second in the A.L. Most Valuable Player voting. He had plenty of support in the lineup. Right fielder **Magglio Ordoñez** batted .315 with 32 homers and 128 RBI, shortstop **José Valentín** batted .273 with 25 homers and 92 RBI, left fielder **Carlos Lee** batted .301 with 24 homers and 92 RBI, first baseman **Paul Konerko** batted .298 with 21 homers and 97 RBI and third baseman **Herbert Perry**, acquired from the Rays in April, was an unsung hero that a year. He batted .308 with 12 homers, 61 RBI and 29 doubles in 109 games.

Finishing the regular season with the league's best record, the Sox led the major leagues with 978 runs scored (6.0 per game), a franchise record.

"We raked," said Wunsch, now the co-owner of Capital Construction in Austin, Texas. "We just crushed the ball. We didn't get all that worked up when we were facing a deficit early just because



Mike Sirotko — #33

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we had some guys that could bang our way out of a loss into a win."

Speaking of winning, this team will always be revered for arguably the greatest road trip in franchise history.

Opening a seven-game swing at Cleveland on June 12, the White Sox swept the Indians in a three-game series. Moving on to New York, they swept a four-game series at Yankee Stadium.

"I remember it was one of those turning points where we knew we could hang," said Sirotko, who is now a private pitching coach in Houston. "That Cleveland team was stacked, and obviously the Yankees were stacked. That was important for us." On their way to winning the Central, the Sox clinched first place on Sept. 25 and headed to the playoffs.

"We had momentum and went into the playoffs with a lot of confidence," Baldwin said. "We knew we could compete with anybody."

The White Sox drew the Seattle Mariners in the first round of the playoffs. The starting rotation



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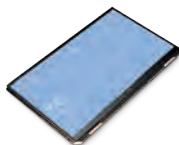
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was nowhere near 100 percent healthy but the bats were still primed to keep the train rolling.

In the best-of-five opening round, the Sox offense went quiet and the Mariners swept the series.

"It was a bit shocking, a bit stunning how it all kind of went down," Sirotko said. "When you grind it out for essentially seven or eight months and you accomplish what you want to accomplish in the regular season, and to have it literally end in four days, it was just shocking. We left a lot out there, for sure. Disappointing, but it was a great team. I thought we rose above expectations. It was the most fun and enjoyable group of pro guys I was ever around."

After averaging six runs per game during the regular season, the White Sox were held to seven total runs and they batted .185 (17-for-92) in the playoffs.

"I think there's a few things when it comes to the playoffs, especially in a short series," said Singleton, who has been working as a baseball analyst for ESPN since 2008. "Part of it's luck, part of it is the moment, 'OK, here we are. All right, this is different.' You're hanging on every pitch, not just every inning. We just fell flat. We didn't catch fire like we did during the regular season."

It ended fast, but the 2000 Sox will always be remembered as a team that would compete, hit and win games in bunches.

"What a great season," said Baldwin, who is now the pitching coach at Class AAA Louisville in the Reds' minor-league system. "We really enjoyed ourselves. Jerry (Manuel) was laid back, but at the same time when he needed to yell at someone, regardless of who you were, he made it known that he was the manager and he let you know what needed to be done."

For the most part, the 2000 White Sox got it done.

"An amazing team," Sirotko said. ◆



Harold Baines — #3

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Rick Hahn

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT/
GENERAL MANAGER



Rick Hahn, who begins his eighth season as White Sox general manager in 2020, has been with the club since October 2000 and helped build the 2005 World Series

Champion and 2008 postseason teams. The Chicago-area native was named the club's senior vice president/general manager on October 26, 2012, and his duties include oversight of all player personnel matters, coaching staff decisions and the club's player development and scouting operations. Beginning in December 2016, the baseball department's executive team of Executive Vice President Ken Williams and Hahn began a long-term process to refocus the White Sox organization toward an emphasis on youth, development and sustained winning at the major league level.

The 2019 club featured the major-league leader in batting average and the American League RBI leader. Tim Anderson, the team's first-round pick in 2013, led the majors with a .335 average, joining Hall of Famer Luke Appling (.388 in 1936) as the only players in franchise history to accomplish the feat. Anderson, Appling (1936 and 1943) and Hall of Famer Frank Thomas (1997) are the only hitters in Sox history to win an AL batting title. With 123 RBI, three-time All-Star José Abreu joined Dick Allen (113 in 1972) as the only Sox hitters ever to lead the league.

This offseason the White Sox again captured accolades as they signed free agents C Yasmani Grandal, LHP Gio González, LHP Dallas Keuchel, a former Cy Young Award winner, DH Edwin Encarnación and RHP Steve Cishek, while extending the contract of Abreu and trading for OF Nomar Mazara.

The White Sox also agreed to a contract extension with highly-touted Cuban OF Luis Robert on January 2, 2020, continuing a long-standing desire to reach agreements with players viewed as the core of the team's future. The Sox agreed with Eloy Jiménez in 2019. The agreements with Jiménez and Robert were noteworthy as each came prior to the player's major-league debut.

Despite promotions of several highly-touted prospects, the White Sox farm system remains ranked among the best in baseball with four top prospects entering the 2020 season. Robert is rated the No. 3 prospect across baseball, while 1B Andrew Vaughn (No. 16), Michael Kopech (No. 20) and 2B Nick Madrigal (No. 40) are among the Top 40.

Hahn has added a number of talented prospects to the organization over the past four years, including Yóan Moncada, *Baseball America's* Minor League Player of the Year in 2016 and Michael Kopech from Boston, and Lucas Giolito, Reynaldo López and RHP Dane Dunning from Washington. During the 2017 season, Hahn acquired Jiménez, who topped AL rookies with 31 home runs in 2019, and Dylan Cease, 2018 MLB Pipeline Pitcher of the Year, from the Chicago Cubs.



Four of Hahn's eight first-round picks as general manager have reached the majors Anderson (2013), LHP Carlos Rodón (2014), RHP Carson Fulmer (2015) and C Zack Collins (2016) have already appeared for the White Sox, while other first-round picks currently in the Sox system include RHP Zack Burdi (2016), 3B Jake Burger (2017), Madrigal (2018) and Vaughn (2019).

Hahn named Rick Renteria White Sox manager on October 3, 2016. Under Hahn's supervision, the White Sox have expanded the baseball operations, analytics, player development and scouting departments. In 2016, Hahn named Chris Getz, a former Sox second baseman, as director of player development. Hahn promoted Mike Shirley to director of amateur scouting in 2019 and also added Hall of Famer Jim Thome to the organization in July 2013, naming the popular former slugger a special assistant. Hahn has traveled to the Dominican Republic multiple times as the White Sox signed several Latin American free agents behind the international scouting of Marco Paddy.

During his 12 seasons as White Sox vice president/assistant general manager, Hahn worked with Williams on roster composition, player acquisitions, talent evaluations and contract negotiations. Hahn has played a key role in moves such as the waiver claim of Bobby Jenks prior to the 2005 World Series championship season, the 2007 acquisition of Most Valuable Player-candidate Carlos Quentin, and the signing of Sale, the club's 2010 first-round pick and a five-time All-Star with the White Sox.

Prior to joining the White Sox, Hahn spent two years as an associate at Steinberg, Moorad & Dunn, a sports agency based in Newport Beach, Calif., representing more than 150 athletes from Major League Baseball, the National Football League and the National Basketball Association.

Hahn is active in the organization's community outreach efforts as he has met with the organization's Amateur City Elite (ACE) youth baseball teams and volunteered his time serving meals to families at the Ronald McDonald House in downtown Chicago.

Hahn is a native of Winnetka, Ill. and a graduate of New Trier High School, the University of Michigan, Harvard Law School, and Northwestern's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. He and his wife, Jean, have two children: Jacob and Charlie.





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Ken Williams

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



Ken Williams begins his 39th season in professional baseball and his eighth as executive vice president after being promoted to the position on October 26, 2012. In his present role,

Williams has increased the scope and range of his involvement with the club while continuing to maintain oversight and final approval on major baseball decisions. He also attends Major League Baseball owners' meetings on the club's behalf.

In 2019, shortstop Tim Anderson led the major leagues with a .335 batting average, joining Hall of Famer Luke Appling (.388 in 1936) as the only players in White Sox history to accomplish the feat. Anderson, Appling (1936 and 1943) and Hall of Famer Frank Thomas (1997) are the only Sox hitters in franchise history to win an American League batting title. With 123 RBI, José Abreu joined Dick Allen (113 in 1972) as the only Sox hitters ever to lead the league in that category.

Despite major league promotions of several highly-touted prospects over the past three seasons, the White Sox farm system still remained ranked by multiple sources as among the best in baseball with four top prospects entering the 2020 season. OF Luis Robert rated the No. 3 prospect in baseball, while 1B Andrew Vaughn (No. 16), Michael Kopech (No. 20) and 2B Nick Madrigal (No. 40) all receive top recognition.

Williams spent 12 seasons (2001-12) as the White Sox general manager. The White Sox claimed a World Series Championship in 2005 – the franchise's first in 88 years – two division titles (2005 and 2008) and five second-place finishes. The club finished .500 or better nine times, going 1,014-931 (.521) over his 12 seasons, the best winning percentage in franchise history.

Williams capped his fifth season as general manager in 2005 by winning the third World Series title in the franchise's history and the first since 1917. The 2005 World Champion White Sox became just the second team in major-league history to lead its division wire-to-wire and sweep the World Series in four games. The other was the 1927 Yankees. The Sox were 11-1 in postseason play, winning their final eight games.

Williams was the first African-American general manager in Chicago sports history and the third in major-league history, following Bill Lucas (Atlanta,

1979) and Bob Watson (Houston, 1994-95/Yankees, 1996-97). From 2001-03, Williams and Jerry Manuel formed the first African-American general manager/manager tandem in major-league history.

Williams has spent four decades in baseball in various capacities: player, scout, director of minor league operations, special assistant to the chairman, vice president of player development and general manager. He joined the front office in November 1992 as a scout, specializing in the inner cities, and was named special assistant to Jerry Reinsdorf in 1994.

He served as director of minor-league operations from 1995-96 and vice president of player development from 1997-2000. Under his direction, the Sox were named 2000 Organization of the Year by *Baseball America* and *USA Today*.

Active in the organization's community outreach programs, Williams takes part in the annual "Double Duty Classic" at the ballpark, speaking to young amateur baseball players about their role in the history of the sport. Williams supports the team's Amateur City Elite (ACE) youth baseball program, which has had 28 players drafted and over 200 players sign college scholarships to play baseball since it began in 2007. In 2013, he was named to MLB's Diversity Committee, an 18-member task force given the objective of increasing diversity in the game, particularly among black players.

Williams has been active in the team's "Becoming A Man" program, an initiative aimed at teaching young, at-risk men how to resolve conflict in a non-violent manner. Williams also met with members of the READI program as part of the Chicago Sports Alliance's cooperative efforts to prevent gun violence.

A former outfielder with the White Sox (1986-88), Detroit (1989-90), Toronto (1990-91) and Montreal (1991), Williams appeared in 451 major-league games.

Born on April 6, 1964, in Berkeley, Calif., Williams attended Stanford University, where he played football. Williams is married to Zoraida Sambolin, the morning news anchor for WMAQ Channel 5. Williams has three sons: Kenny Jr., who works on special assignments in the White Sox baseball operations department, Kyle, who played six years in the NFL including with the Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos in 2015, and Tyler, who played minor league baseball. Williams also has two step children: Nico, a member of the University of Iowa basketball team, and Sofia.



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Jerry Reinsdorf

CHAIRMAN



Jerry Reinsdorf begins his 39th season as chairman of the Chicago White Sox in 2019, having surpassed club founder Charles Comiskey (1900-31) for the longest ownership tenure in franchise history.

During his time as chairman of the White Sox, Reinsdorf's two professional sports teams – the Sox and the NBA's Chicago Bulls – have delivered seven World Championship titles to the city of Chicago and its fans. Reinsdorf accepted the Commissioner's Trophy from Bud Selig on October 26, 2005, after the White Sox swept their way to the team's first World Series Championship since 1917. The championship was celebrated by a ticker-tape parade attended by nearly 2 million Chicagoans.

The White Sox have reached the postseason five times during Reinsdorf's tenure, most recently in 2008 when they captured the American League Central Division title in a one-game playoff. The Sox also claimed division titles in 1983, 1993, 2000 and 2005.

Reinsdorf and the White Sox have received four prestigious honors in recognition of the franchise's ongoing commitment to giving back to the community. In June 2011, Reinsdorf traveled to Washington D.C. to accept the Jefferson Award, one of the nation's top honors for community service and volunteerism, known as the "Nobel Prize for Public Service." In August 2011, Reinsdorf received the Barnes and Thornburg Jackie Robinson Award for diversity in the workplace, and in November 2011, Reinsdorf and the White Sox were honored by Commissioner Bud Selig with the Commissioner's Award for Philanthropic Excellence for the club's Volunteer Corps. In September 2012, Reinsdorf and the White Sox were again recognized nationally, receiving the Steve Patterson Award for Excellence in sports philanthropy for the team's Volunteer Corps program.

In response to President Barack Obama's call to service in 2009, Reinsdorf and the White Sox created the White Sox Volunteer Corps to support the Chicagoland community through service. The Corps, now consisting of staff, players and nearly 5,000 fan volunteers, has mobilized to provide more than 45,000 hours of community service with an estimated value of close to \$1 million during its decade of existence.

Both of Reinsdorf's sports franchises have donated millions of dollars to causes in the Chicago community through a variety of efforts, including Chicago White Sox Charities and Chicago Bulls Charities. Chicago White Sox Charities has donated more than \$22 million to Chicagoland organizations in the past 10 years, moving the team's non-profit arm to nearly \$32 million in cumulative giving since its inception. In December 2017, owners for five Chicago sports teams – the Bears, Blackhawks, Bulls, Cubs and White Sox – joined together as the Chicago Sports Alliance to donate \$1 million to the UChicago Crime Lab and two other programs in an ongoing effort to support solutions to the violence that plagues some neighborhoods in Chicago.

Reinsdorf and the White Sox created the Amateur City Elite (ACE) youth baseball program in 2007. Sponsored by Chicago White Sox Charities, ACE provides urban-based and largely minority youth the opportunity to play in a high-quality travel baseball program. In its 12 years, 20 ACE players have been drafted, while over 190 have signed scholarships to play college baseball.

Reinsdorf has been responsible for the construction of four new sports facilities in Chicago. In addition to the building of new Comiskey Park (1991), Reinsdorf initiated construction of three other major facilities for the Bulls. The United Center, home for the Bulls and Chicago Blackhawks, opened for the 1994-95 season, the Sheri L. Berto Center served as the Bulls training facility from 1992-2014, and the Advocate Center, which opened in 2014 and now serves as the Bulls practice and training facility in downtown Chicago. The White Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers also opened a state-of-the-art spring training complex, named Camelback Ranch – Glendale, in 2009.

Since heading the limited partnership that purchased the White Sox in January 1981, Reinsdorf has been involved in Major League Baseball initiatives at an industry-wide level. Currently, he serves on the Commissioner's Executive Council.

He was instrumental in the formation of the Diverse Business Partners (DBP) Program in 1998, and Major League Baseball honored Reinsdorf and the White Sox with the Club Appreciation Award in 2018 to celebrate the program's 20th anniversary. Over the past 20 years, Major League Baseball and its clubs have purchased hundreds of millions of dollars in goods and services from minority and women-owned businesses, and the White Sox annually rank among baseball's leaders in the DBP program. In 2008, his long history of donating time to Major League Baseball led to Reinsdorf being asked to serve on the Board of The Baseball Hall of Fame.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on February 25, 1936, Reinsdorf graduated from George Washington University in Washington D.C. and earned a law degree from Northwestern University after moving to Chicago in 1957. Reinsdorf and his wife, Martyl, have three surviving children and nine grandchildren.



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Rick Renteria

MANAGER



Rick Renteria begins his fifth season with the White Sox and fourth as the 40th manager in White Sox history. He is currently one of four Latino managers in Major League Baseball. Renteria replaced former manager Robin Ventura in October 3, 2016, after spending the 2016 season as the Sox bench coach. Renteria brought nine seasons of managerial experience to the position, including eight in the minor leagues as well as the 2014 campaign with the Chicago Cubs.

He completed his third season at the helm of the White Sox with a 72-89 record, a 10-game improvement from 2018 which was the fifth largest in baseball. In 2019, José Abreu (third time), Lucas Giolito (first) and James McCann (first) made the American League All-Star Team, marking the first time since 2014 the Sox sent three players to the Midsummer Classic. Abreu (123 RBI) became just the second player in White Sox history to lead the AL in RBI, joining Dick Allen (1972), and Tim Anderson became just the third player in franchise history to win the AL batting title, joining Frank Thomas (1997) and Luke Appling (1936, '43). Renteria earned his 250th victory as a major-league manager on August 4 at Philadelphia.

Renteria was named the 53rd manager in Cubs history on November 7, 2013, joining Hall-of-Famer Johnny Evers (Sox in 1924; Cubs in 1913 and 1924) as the only managers of both the White Sox and the Cubs. He guided the Cubs to a 73-89 record in 2014 and a 31-28 record (.525) from July 28 through the remainder of the 2014 season. He also managed Team Mexico in the 2013 World Baseball Classic.

Prior to his time in Chicago, Renteria spent six seasons on the San Diego Padres coaching staff as bench coach (2011-13) and first base coach (2008-10). He managed in the minor leagues for eight seasons, including four each in the Padres (2004-07) and Marlins (1998-2001) organizations, compiling a 539-583 (.480) record. In 1999, he was named the Midwest League Manager of the Year after guiding Class A Kane County to a 78-59 record and a playoff berth. He also managed the Class A Lake Elsinore to the California League playoffs in 2006.

As a player, Renteria was selected by Pittsburgh in the first round (20th overall) of the 1980 draft. Cleveland Indians manager Terry Francona (22nd), Oakland A's executive vice president of baseball operations Billy Beane (23rd) and Toronto manager John Gibbons (24th) were selected in succession later in the first round of that draft. He played professionally for 15 seasons (1980-94), appearing

in 180 games over parts of five major-league seasons with Pittsburgh, Seattle and Florida. Renteria also played in the Mexican League in 1985, 1991-92 and 1996. He was named the Player of the Year for Charros de Jalisco in 1991 after leading the league with a .442 average.

In his first four years with the organization, Renteria has shown a commitment to supporting the Chicagoland community. Most recently, he visited with officers at the Chicago Police Department's Strategic Decision Support Center, the "nerve center" at the 7th district station in the Englewood neighborhood that uses high-tech tools to help reduce violence. In 2017, he created the Club 17 program with his wife Ilene to support children in need. Renteria and his wife have served as mentors at Mercy Home, visiting the youth residence center and welcoming them to White Sox throughout the baseball season. His community outreach also includes participation in a special batting practice experience with 20 Wounded Warriors, local children's hospital visits, a culinary class with Benito Juarez Community Academy students and a beautification project with City Year at Sawyer Elementary School.

Renteria lives in Temecula, California, and has four children with his wife Ilene: Joseph, Michael, Anthony and Alexandria. He also has two grandchildren.



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Daryl Boston 8

FIRST BASE COACH

Daryl Boston returns for his eighth season as the White Sox first base coach after spending 12 seasons as the Sox minor league outfield instructor. Boston also served as the hitting coach in three consecutive years for Advanced Rookie Bristol (1998) and Class A Burlington (1999), helping each team win its respective title, and Class A Winston-Salem (2000). A career .249 (655-2,629) hitter with 83 home runs, 278 RBI and 98 stolen bases in 1,058 games, he spent his first seven seasons with the White Sox (1984-90) before playing for the Mets (1990-92), Rockies (1993) and the Yankees (1994).

12 Nick Capra

THIRD BASE COACH

Nick Capra begins his 25th season in the White Sox organization and his fourth as third base coach. During his five seasons (2012-2016) as the White Sox director of player development, Sox affiliates reached the playoffs eight times, with the Arizona Rookie League White Sox (2015) and Class AA Birmingham (2013) winning league titles and Class A Winston-Salem (87-51) posting the best record in the minor leagues in 2012. Capra has had various coaching capacities in the minor league system. He spent 10 seasons as a manager in the Sox player development system, posting a 588-595 (.497) record, reaching the postseason five times and winning league titles with Class A Burlington (Midwest) in 1999 and Class A Kannapolis (South Atlantic) in 2005. He also was named the Appalachian League Manager of the Year in 1998 after leading Advanced Rookie Bristol to the league title game and served as a coach for the U.S. Team at the All-Star Futures Game in Atlanta.



Scott Coolbaugh 46

ASSISTANT HITTING COACH

Scott Coolbaugh enters his first season as White Sox assistant hitting coach. He served as the hitting coach for Class AAA Oklahoma City in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization in 2019. Coolbaugh was the hitting coach for the Baltimore Orioles from 2015-18, and during his tenure, the club ranked among the major-league leaders in home runs (3rd, 890), total bases (8th, 9,367) and slugging percentage (9th, .423). He spent eight seasons in the Texas Rangers organization from 2007-14, including as the major-league hitting coach from June 2011 through the end of the 2012 season. Texas led baseball in runs scored (808) and ranked second in the AL in average (.272) in 2012. Coolbaugh played in 167 career major-league games with Texas (1989-90), San Diego (1991) and St. Louis (1994).

21 Don Cooper

PITCHING COACH

The longest-tenured member of the White Sox coaching staff, Don Cooper is in his 33rd year with the organization and his 18th full season as the pitching coach. The Sox have made 1,442 quality starts since 2003, the highest total in the American League and third-highest in the majors. Lucas Giolito was named an AL All-Star after lowering his ERA from 6.13 in 2018 to 3.41 in 2019 (-2.72), the third-best improvement in MLB history. Cooper, who spent 15 seasons in various coaching capacities in the minor league system, also pitched in 44 major-league and 289 minor-league games over the course of his 10-year playing career for the Twins, Blue Jays and Yankees.



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Curt Hasler 29

BULLPEN COACH

Curt Hasler begins his 29th season as a pitching coach in the White Sox organization and his fourth as the major-league bullpen coach. He spent six seasons (2011-16) as the White Sox minor-league pitching coordinator. During his tenure with the Sox, he helped oversee the development of minor leaguers Chad Bradford, Mark Buehrle, Josh Fogg, Matt Guerrier, Boone Logan and Dan Wright. He also served as pitching coach with Class AA Birmingham in 2001 and oversaw the first Opening Night no-hitter in Southern League history on April 5, 2011, vs. Tennessee. Hasler pitched in the White Sox organization from 1987-91. He was selected by the Sox in the 21st round of the 1987 draft. His son, Drew, is a pitching coach for the Arizona Rookie League White Sox.

82 Joe McEwing

BENCH COACH

Joe McEwing begins his 13th season in the White Sox organization and his fourth as bench coach under manager Rick Renteria. He previously spent five seasons (2012-16) as the third base coach. Prior to joining the White Sox coaching staff in 2012, McEwing spent three seasons as a manager in the White Sox minor-league system, compiling a .531 (223-197) winning percentage. He also worked at Class AAA Charlotte (2011) and Class A Winston-Salem (2009-10), where he was named Carolina League Manager of the Year in both of his seasons after guiding the Dash to a pair of postseason berths. He played professionally for 16 seasons, including nine in the major leagues with St. Louis (1998-99), New York-NL (2000-04), Kansas City (2005) and Houston (2006).



Frank Menechino 22

HITTING COACH

Frank Menechino begins his first season as the White Sox hitting coach and second in the organization after serving in the same capacity with Class AAA Charlotte in 2019. He worked with prospects Zack Collins, Nick Madrigal, Danny Mendick, Luis Robert and Seby Zavala last season as Charlotte led the International League in runs scored (792), ranked second in on-base percentage (.352), slugging percentage (.472) and OPS (.824) and third in home runs (208). The Knights set a franchise record for home runs in 2019, and three players hit 20 or more (Daniel Palka 27, Matt Skole 21, Zavala 20). Menechino spent five seasons (2014-18) on the Miami Marlins major-league staff, including three as the assistant hitting coach (2014-16) and two (2017-18) as the hitting coach. He played seven seasons in the major leagues as an infielder with Oakland (1999-2004) and Toronto (2004-05).

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NELLIE FOX, 2B
NUMBER RETIRED: 1976

Played 14 seasons with the White Sox...named American League Most Valuable Player in 1959...led AL in hits in 1952, '54, '57 and '58...a three-time Gold Glove winner (1957, '59 and '60)...a 12-time All-Star...elected to the Hall of Fame in 1997. Life-sized sculpture unveiled at ballpark in 2006.

3
HAROLD BAINES, DH/OF
NUMBER RETIRED: 1989

Had three stints with the White Sox (1980-89, '96-97, 2000-01)...ranks third in club history in home runs (221) and fourth in RBI (981)...hit 20 or more home runs for the White Sox seven times (1982-87, '96)...drove in winning run as White Sox clinched 1983 division title. Elected to the Hall of Fame in 2019. Life-sized sculpture unveiled at ballpark in 2008.

4
LUKE APPLING, SS
NUMBER RETIRED: 1975

Played all 20 seasons with the White Sox...elected to the Hall of Fame in 1964...is White Sox all-time leader in games (2,422), at-bats (8,856) and hits (2,749)...ranks second in club history in doubles (440), runs (1,319) and walks (1,302).

9
MINNIE MINOSO, OF/INF/DH
NUMBER RETIRED: 1983

Played 12 seasons with the White Sox over five separate stints...a seven-time All-Star...led AL in stolen bases from 1951-53...batted .300 eight times...was *The Sporting News* Rookie of the Year in 1951. Life-sized sculpture unveiled at the ballpark in 2004.

11
LUIS APARICIO, SS
NUMBER RETIRED: 1984

Played 10 seasons with the White Sox...elected to the Hall of Fame in 1984...named American League Rookie of the Year in 1956...collected nine Gold Glove Awards, third-most all-time among shortstops...a 10-time All-Star...ranks second in club history in stolen bases (318). Life-sized sculpture was unveiled at the ballpark in 2006.

14
PAUL KONERKO, 1B/DH
NUMBER RETIRED: 2015

Played 16 seasons with the White Sox...ranks first in club history in total bases (4,010)...ranks among White Sox leaders in virtually every offensive category, including: home runs (2nd, 432) hits (3rd, 2,292), and doubles (3rd, 406)...2005 American League Championship Series MVP...2005 World Series Champion...a six-time American League All-Star...first White Sox player to receive the Roberto Clemente Award (2014). Life-sized sculpture unveiled at ballpark in 2014.

16
TED LYONS, P
NUMBER RETIRED: 1987

Played 21 seasons with the White Sox...elected to the Hall of Fame in 1955...owned a career record of 260-230...led the American League in wins in 1925 (21) and 1927 (22)...managed the White Sox from 1946-48.

19
BILLY PIERCE, P
NUMBER RETIRED: 1987

Played 13 seasons with the White Sox...led American League in strikeouts in 1953 (186), ERA in 1955 (1.97) and wins in 1957 (20)...seven-time All-Star and the first White Sox pitcher to start an All-Star Game (1953, '55 and '56). Life-sized sculpture unveiled at ballpark in 2007.

35
FRANK THOMAS, 1B/DH
NUMBER RETIRED: 2010

Played 16 seasons with the White Sox...elected to the Hall of Fame on January 8, 2014...named American League Most Valuable Player in 1993 and 1994...ranks first in club history in home runs (448), extra-base hits (906), doubles (447), walks (1,466), runs (1,327), RBI (1,465), slugging percentage (.568) and on-base percentage (.427)...a five-time All-Star...one of four players in baseball history to have a .300 average with 500 home runs, 1,500 RBI, 1,000 runs scored and 1,500 walks in his career...a four-time Silver Slugger Award winner (1991, '93-94, 2000). Life-sized sculpture unveiled at ballpark in 2011.

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MARK BUEHRLE, P
NUMBER RETIRED: 2017

Drafted by the Sox in 1998...played 12 seasons with the White Sox...ranks among franchise leaders in strikeouts (4th, 1,396), starts (4th, 365), quality starts (4th, 231), wins (6th, 161), strikeout-to-walk ratio (7th, 2.48), innings pitched (7th, 2,476.2) and games pitched (8th, 390)...a five-time All-Star...collected four Gold Glove Awards...threw a no-hitter in 2007 and a perfect game in 2009...made four appearances during the 2005 World Series run, pitching a complete game in Game 2 of the ALCS and earning the save in Game 3 of the World Series.

72
CARLTON FISK, C
NUMBER RETIRED: 1997

Played 13 seasons with the White Sox...ranks second in MLB history in games caught (2,226) and home runs by a catcher (351)...elected to the Hall of Fame in 2000. Life-sized sculpture was unveiled at the ballpark in 2005.

JACKIE ROBINSON, INF/OF
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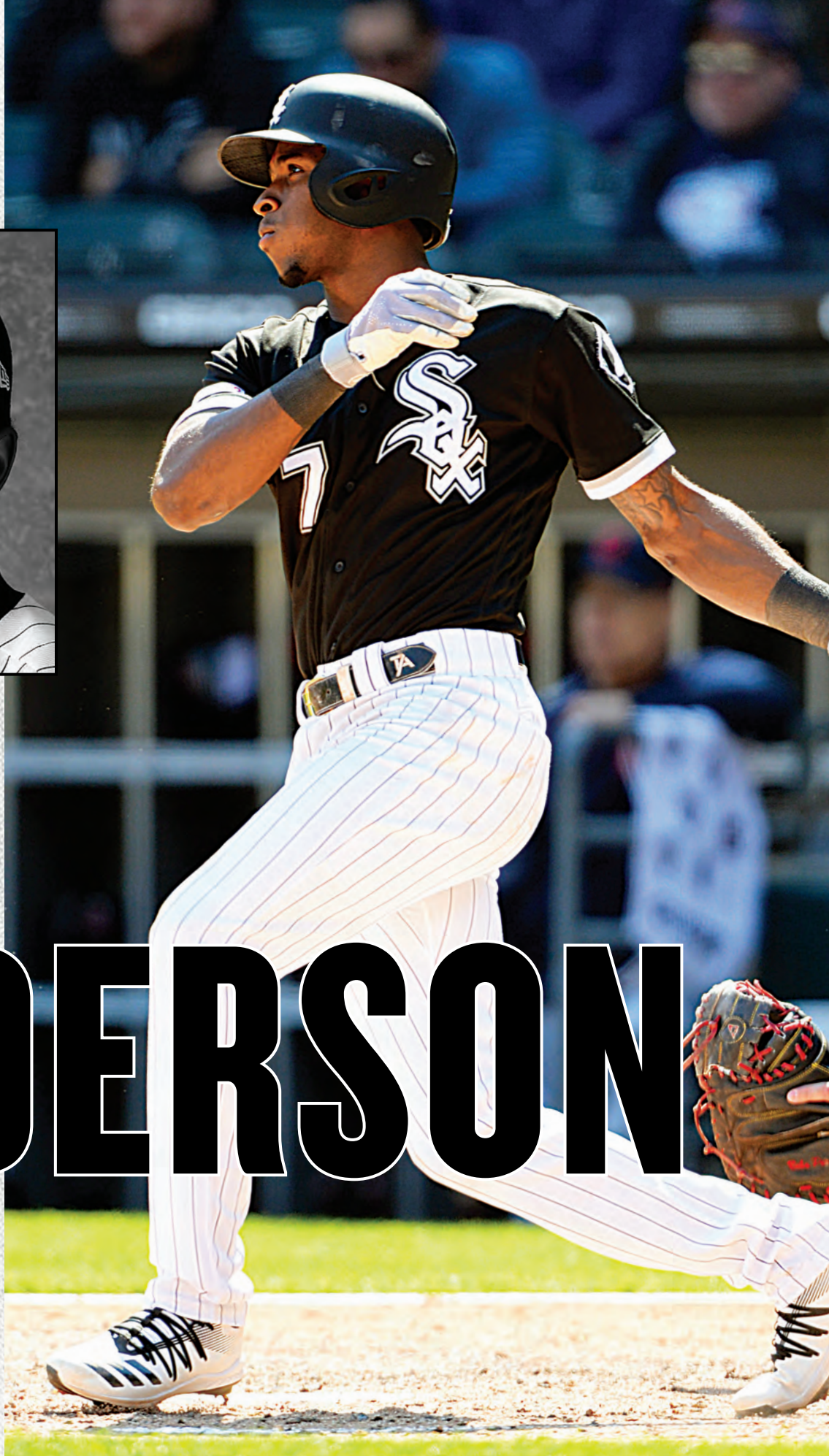
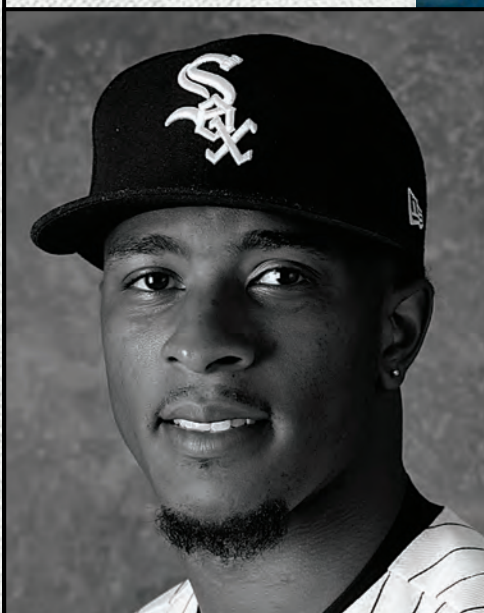
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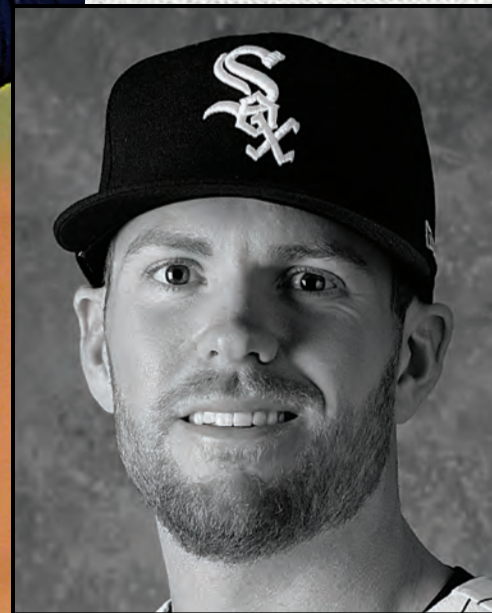


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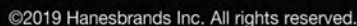
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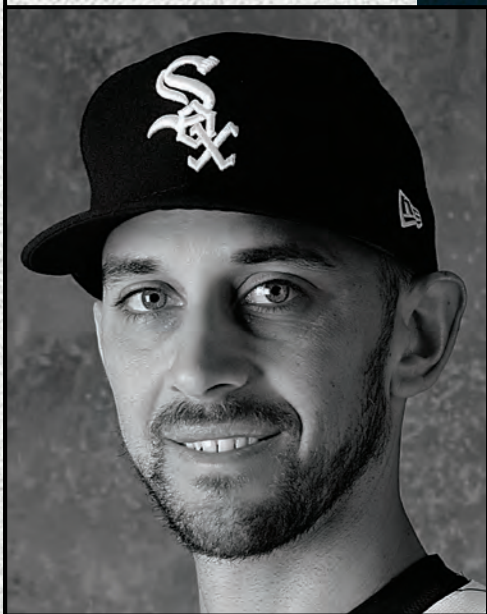
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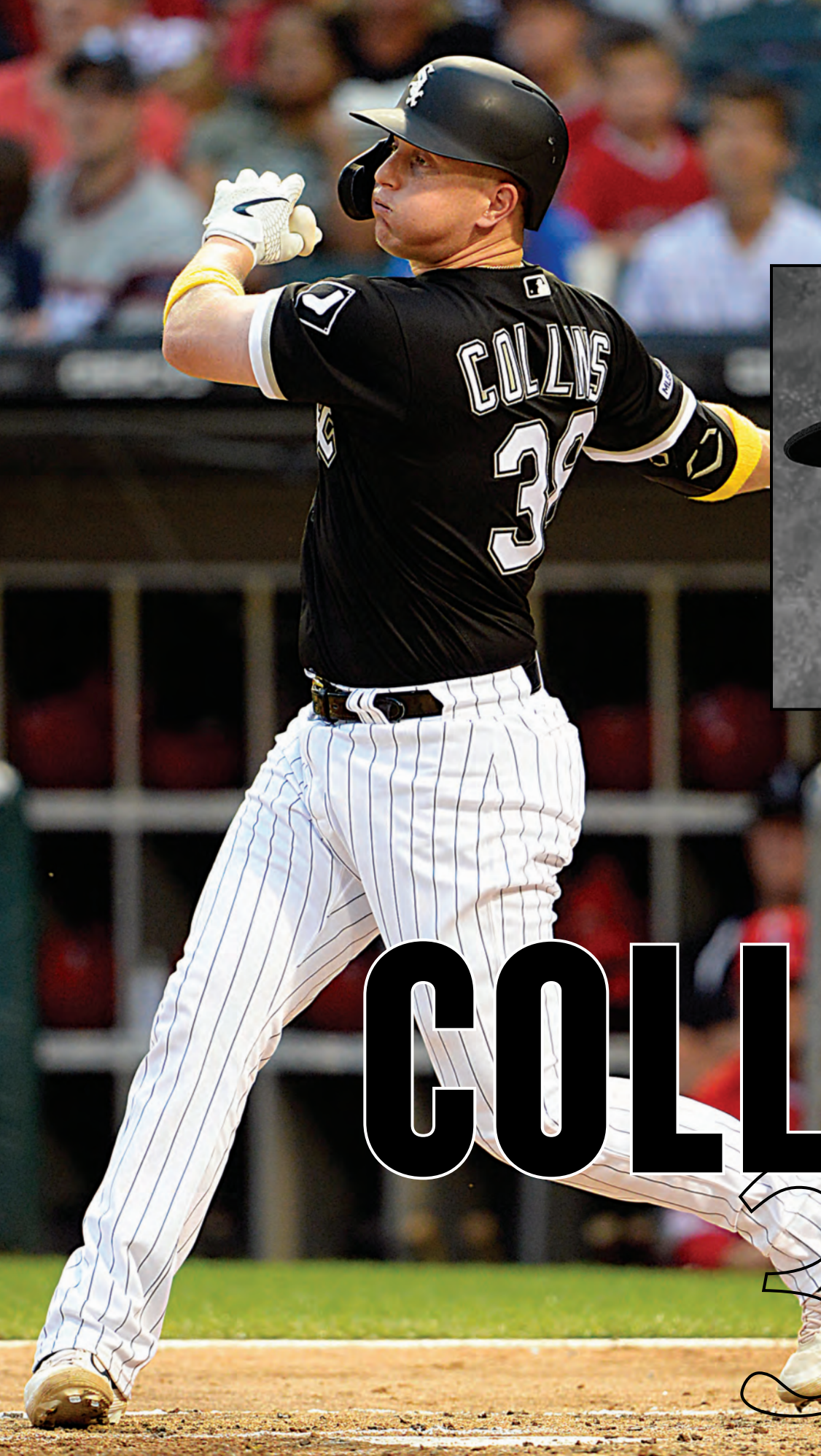
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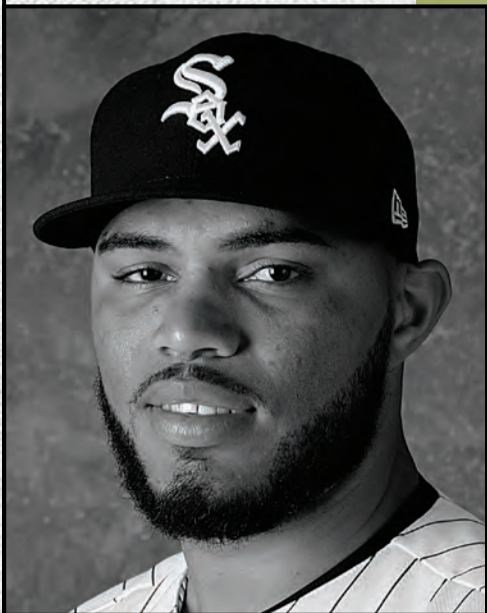


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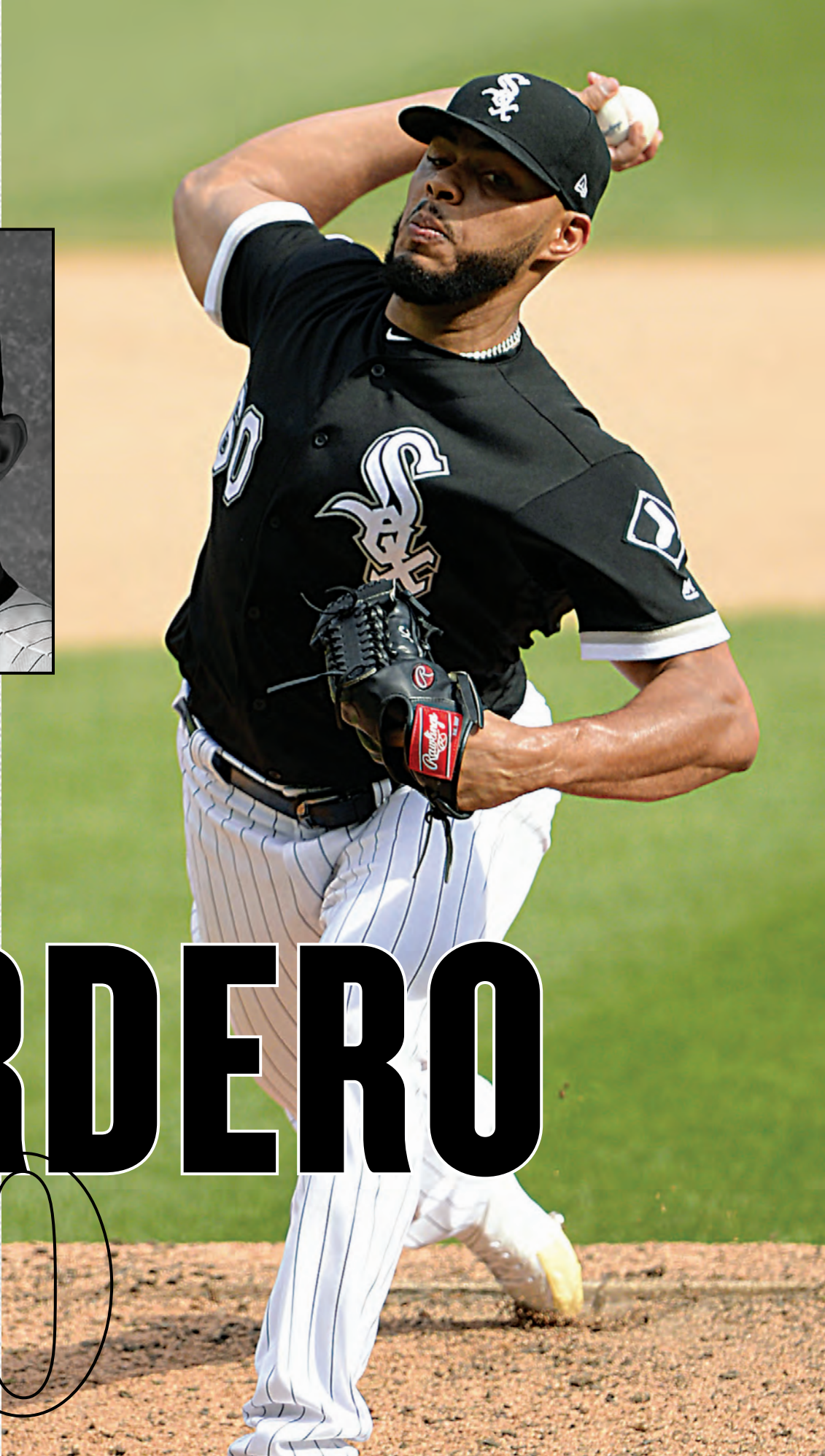
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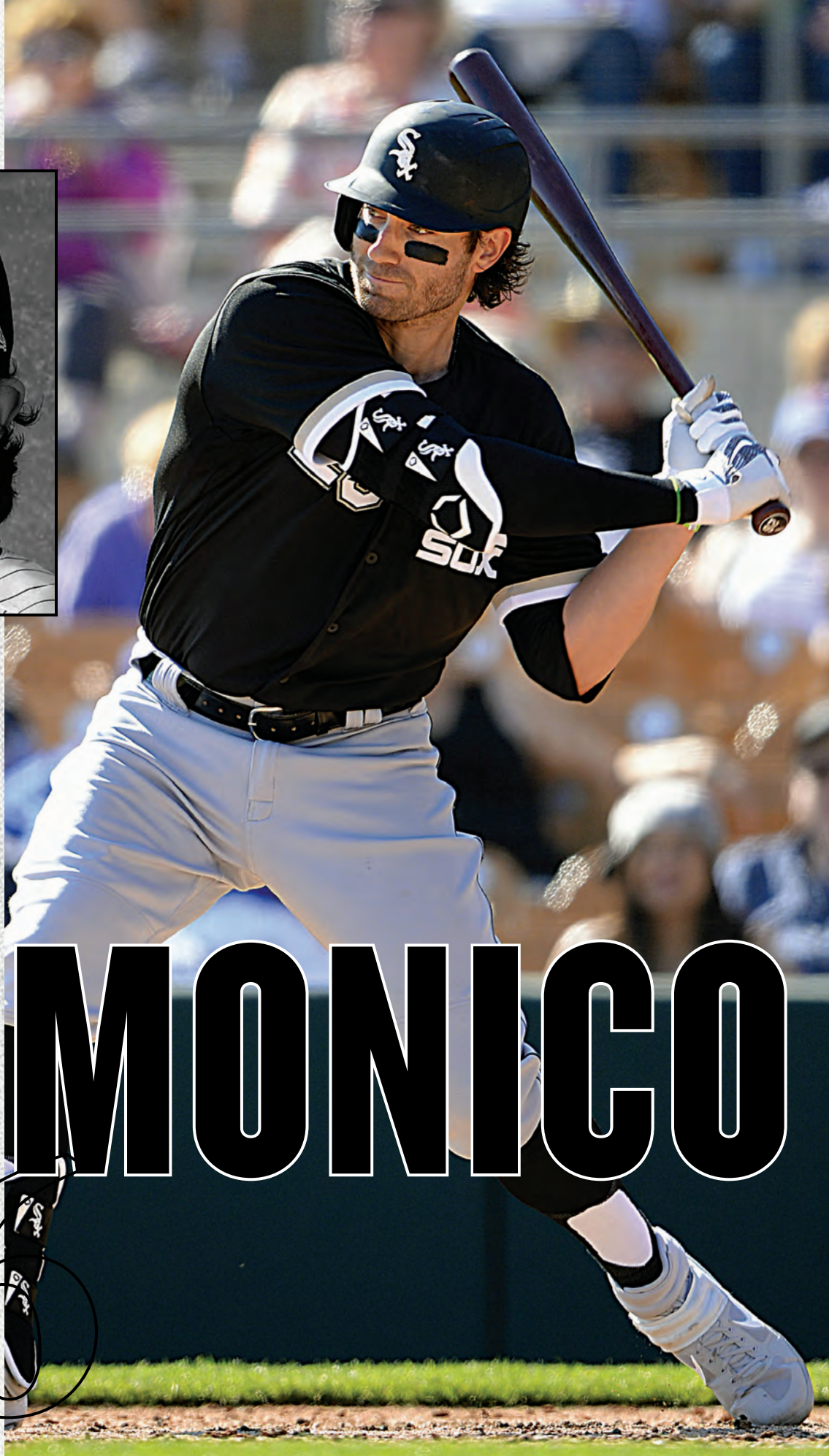
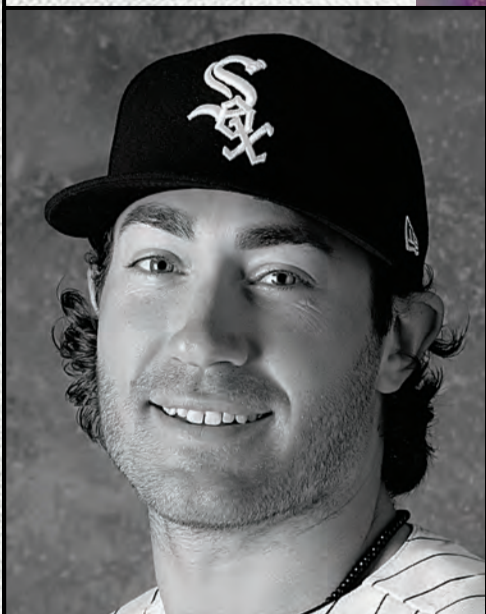


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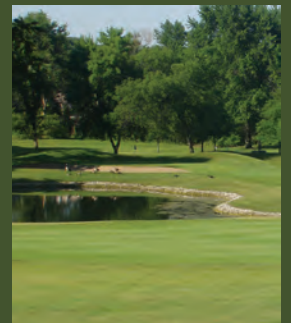
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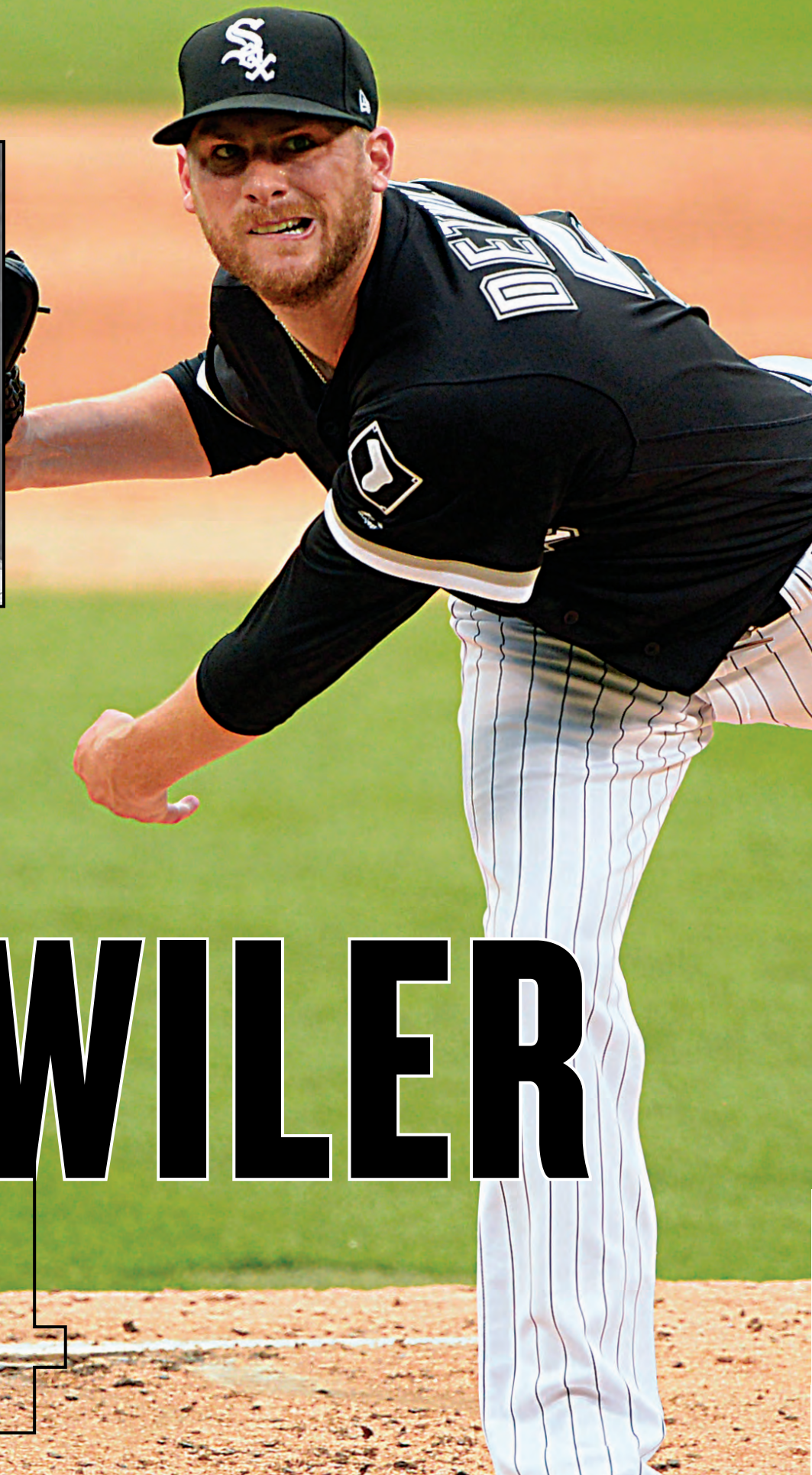
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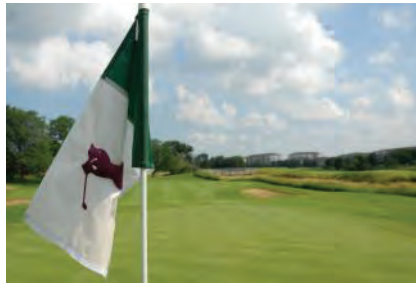
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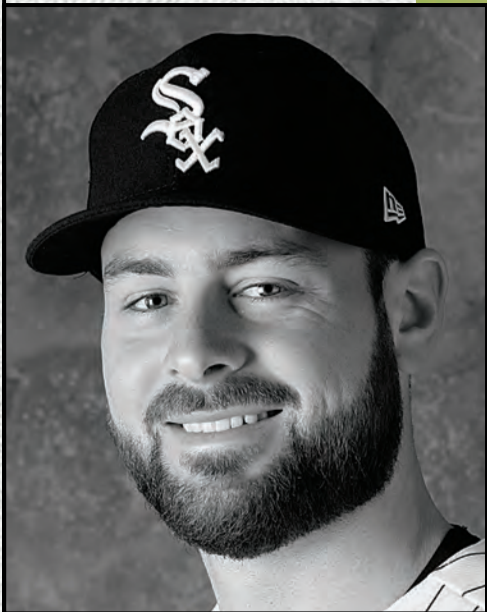
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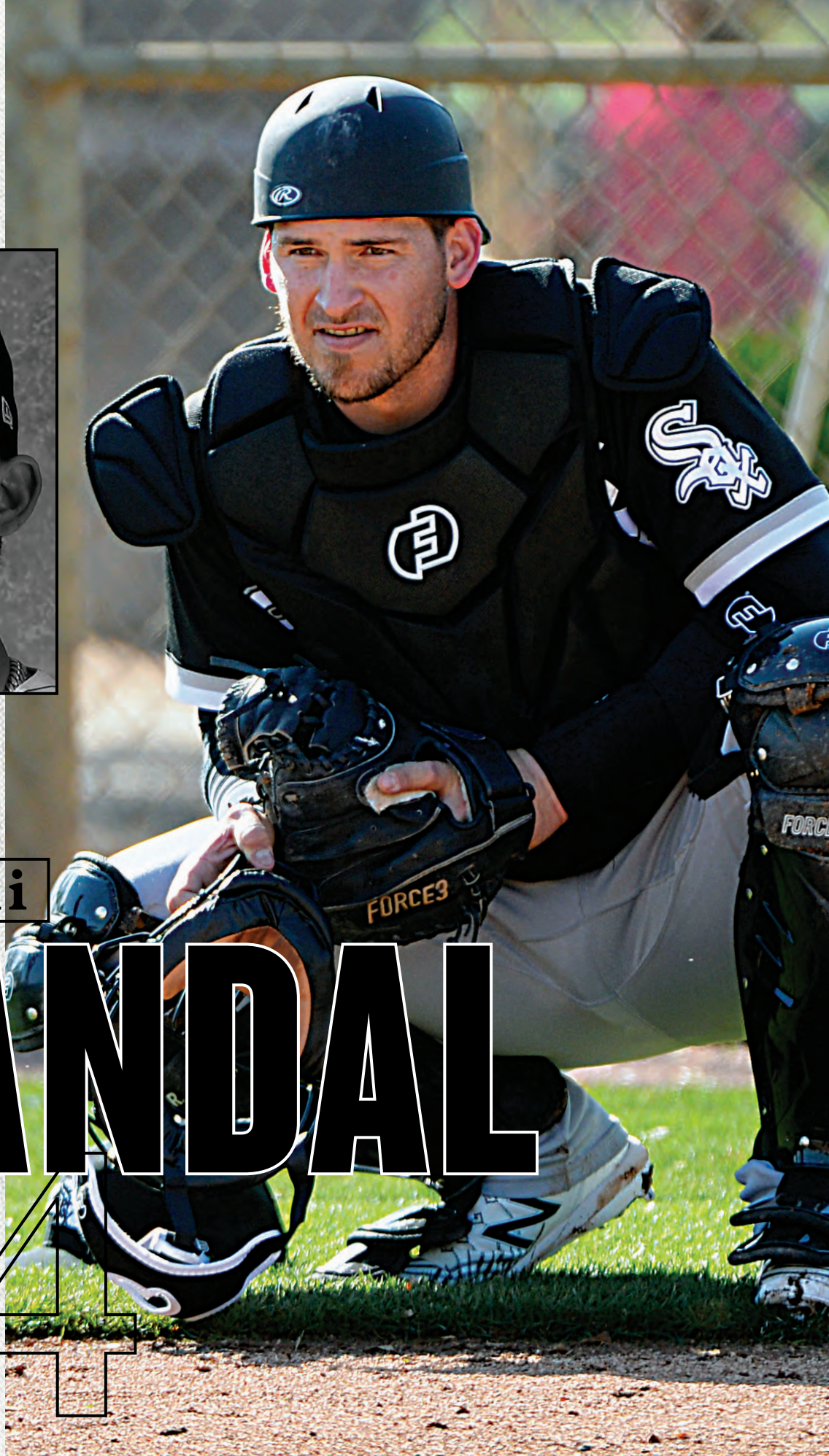
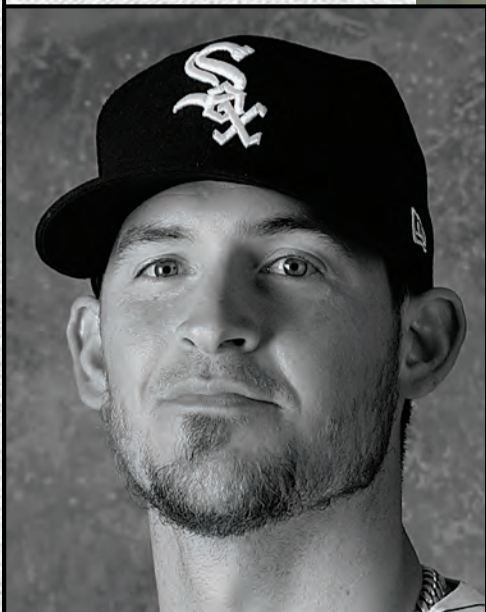
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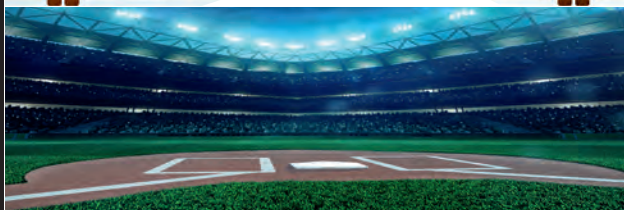
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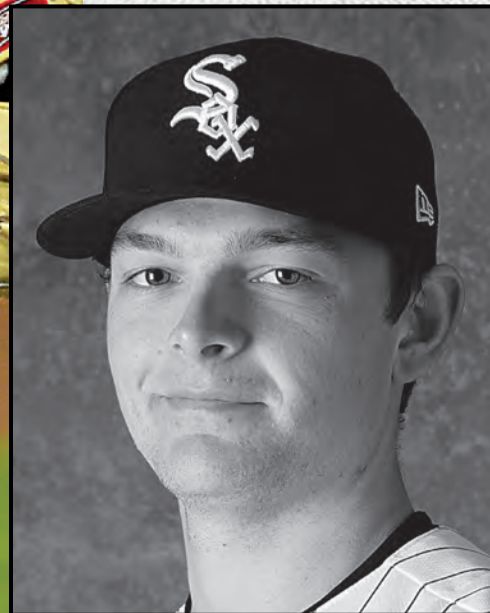
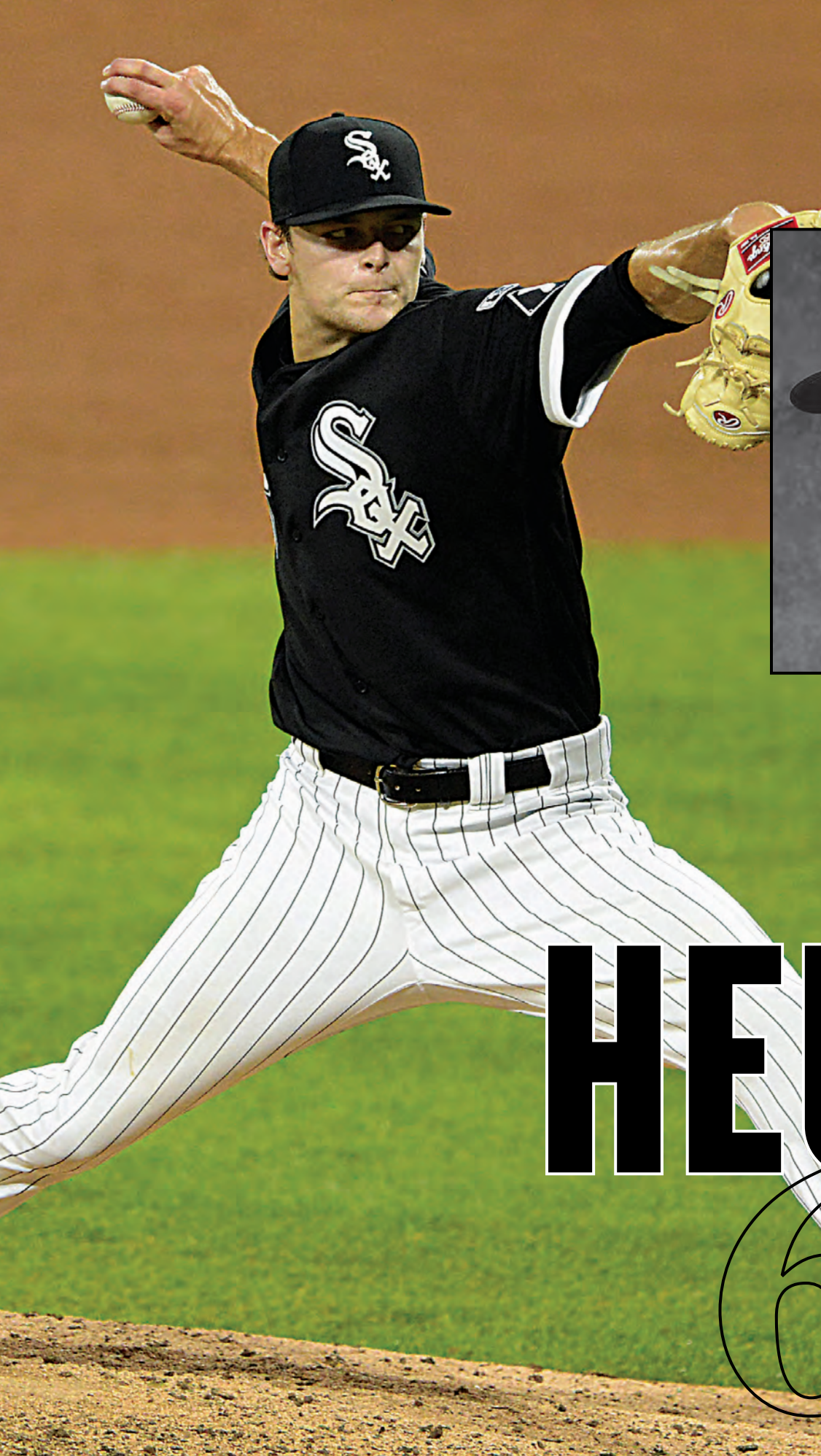
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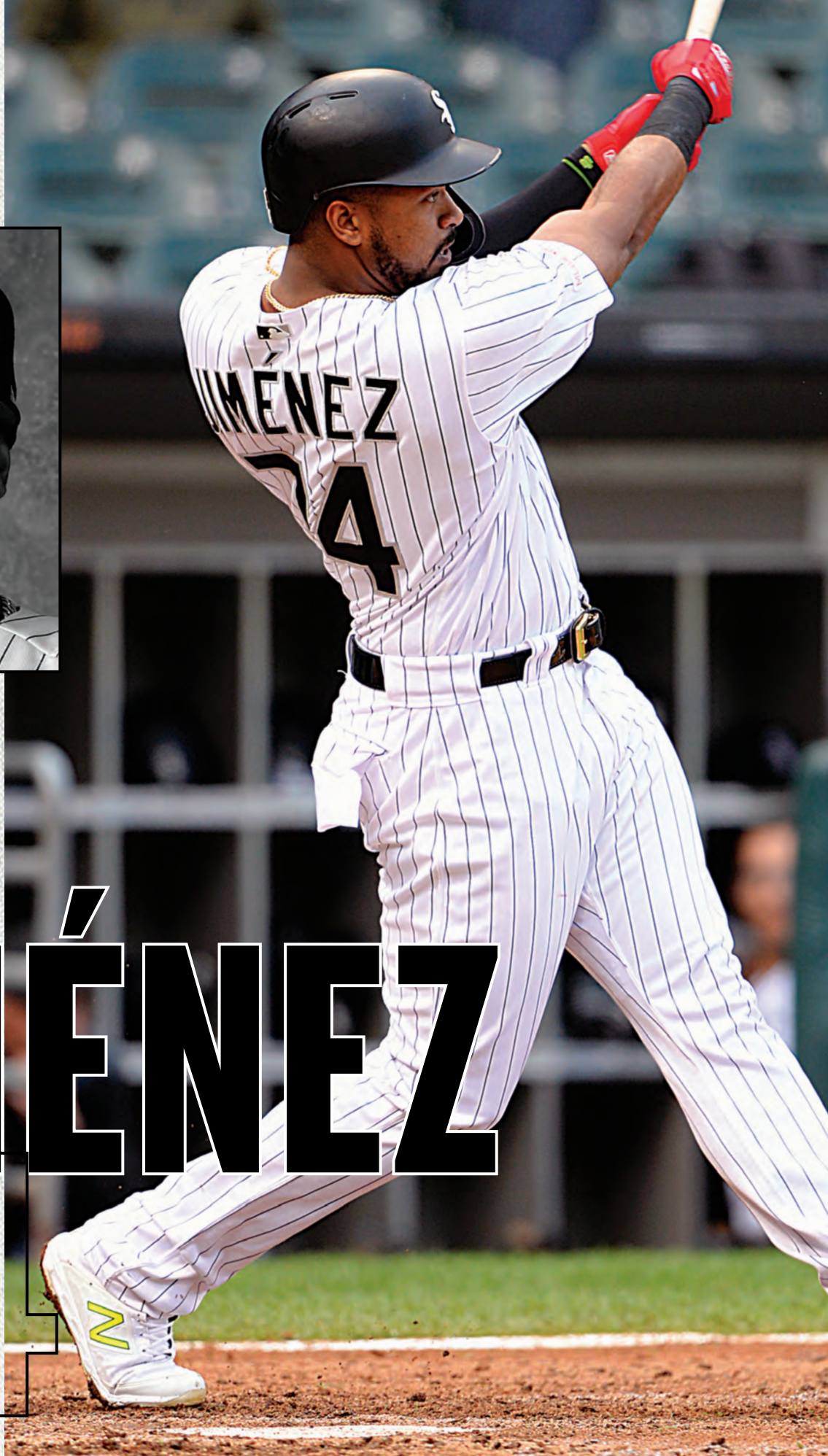
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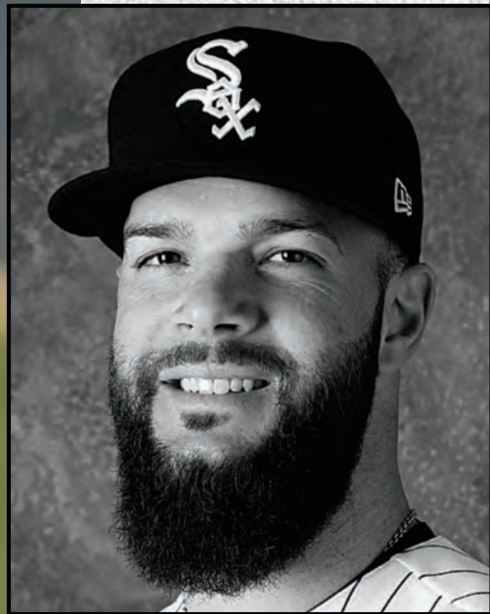
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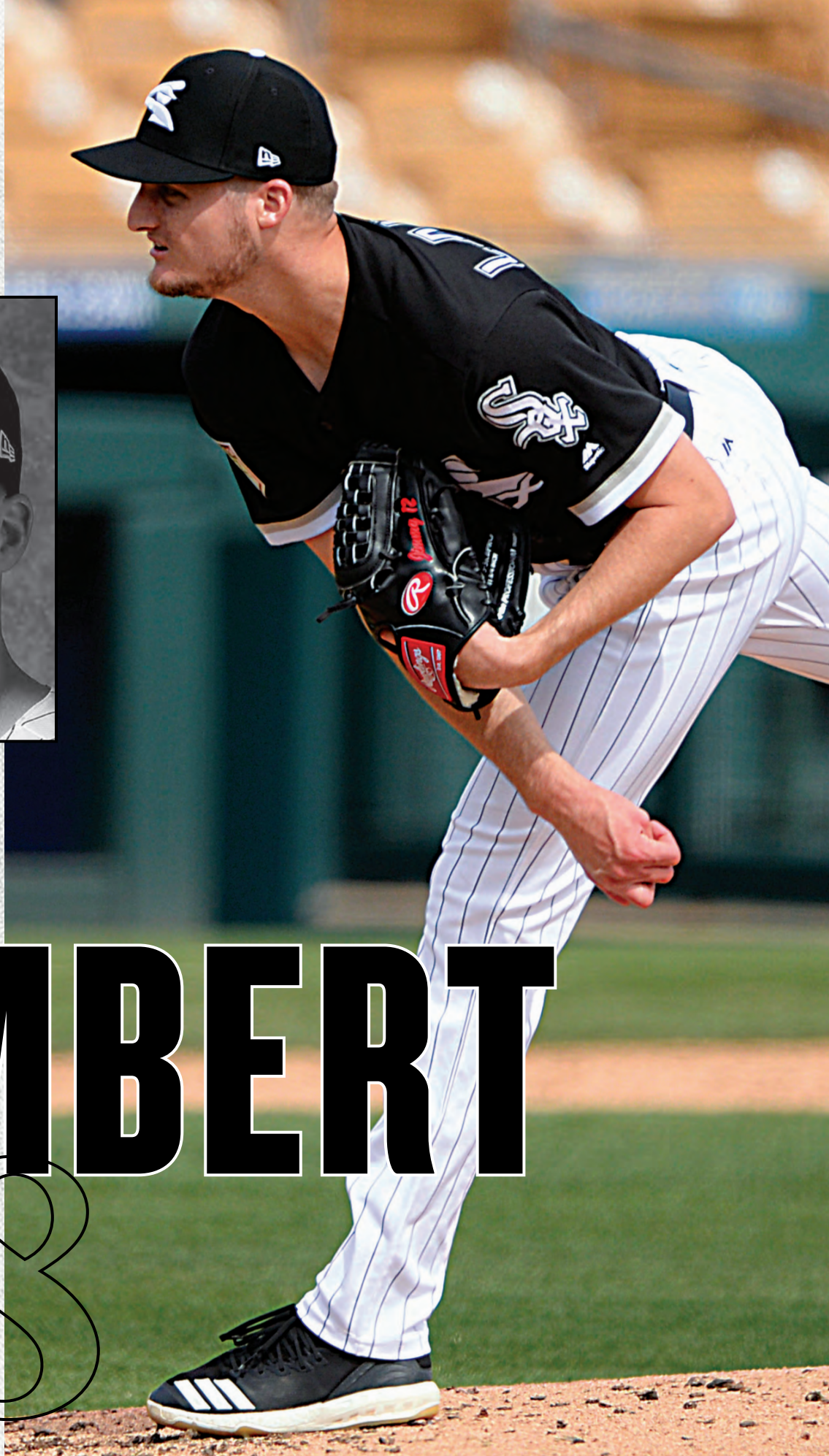
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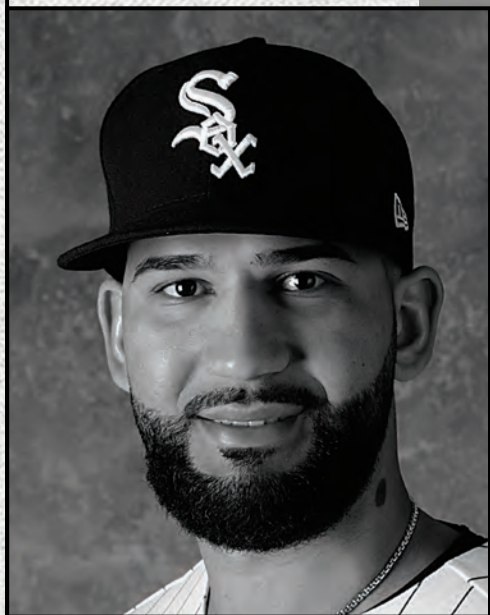
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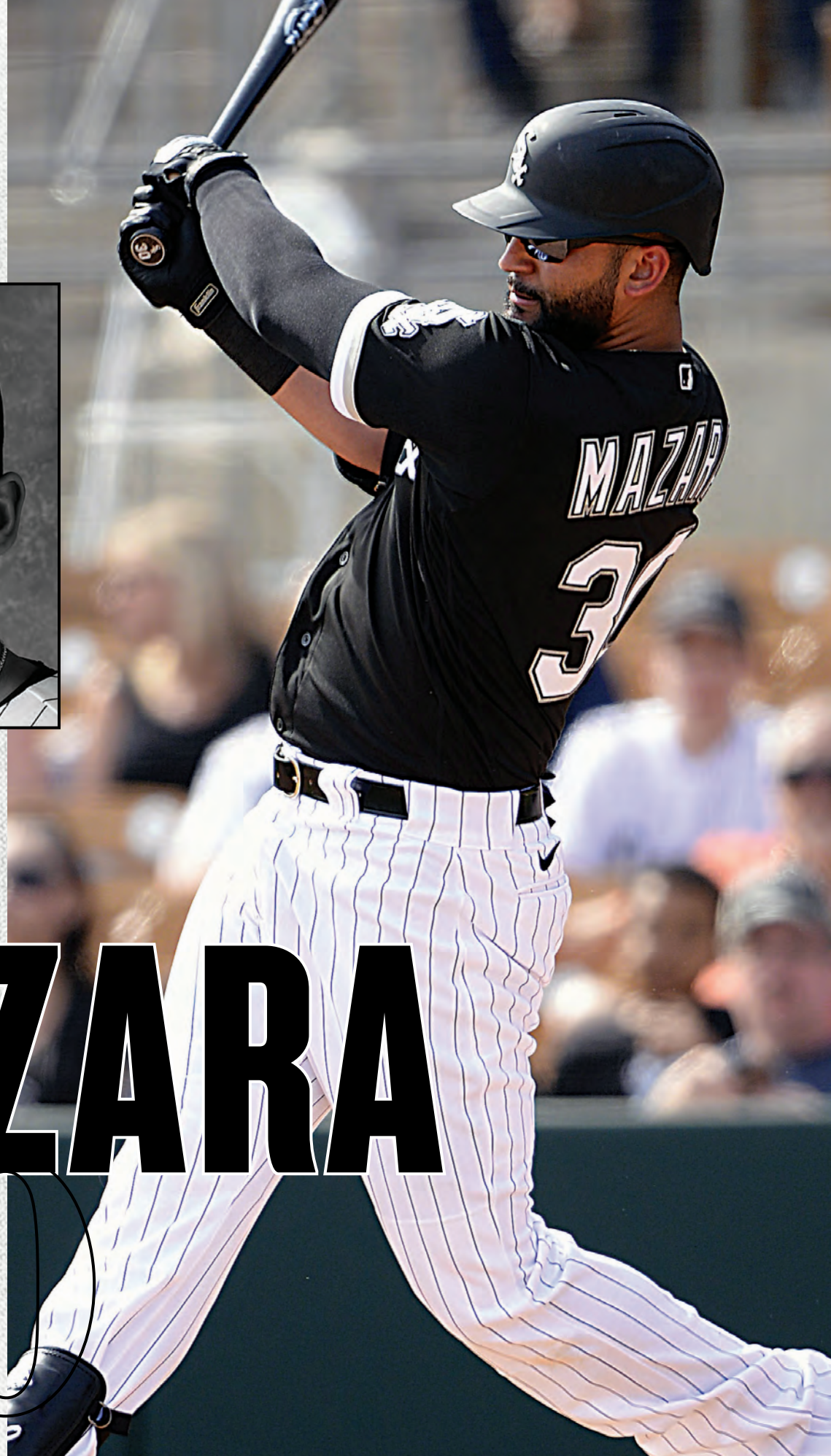
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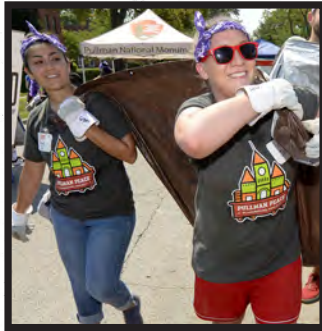
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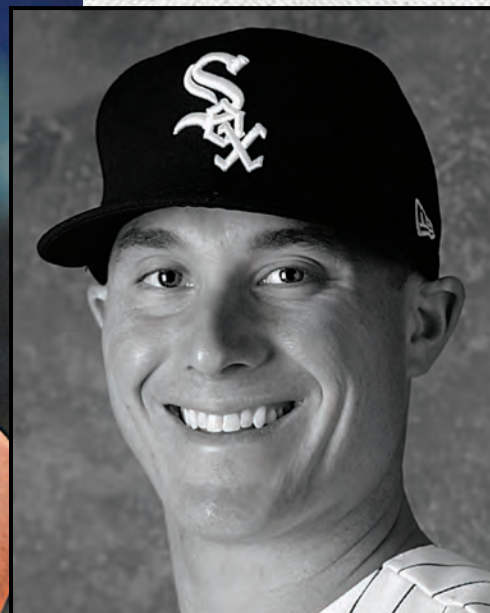


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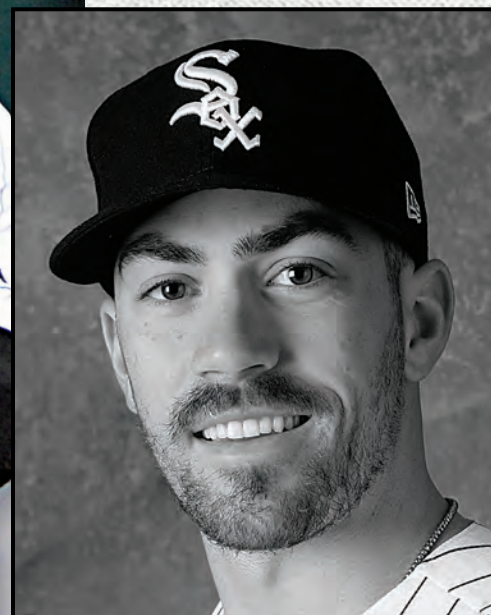


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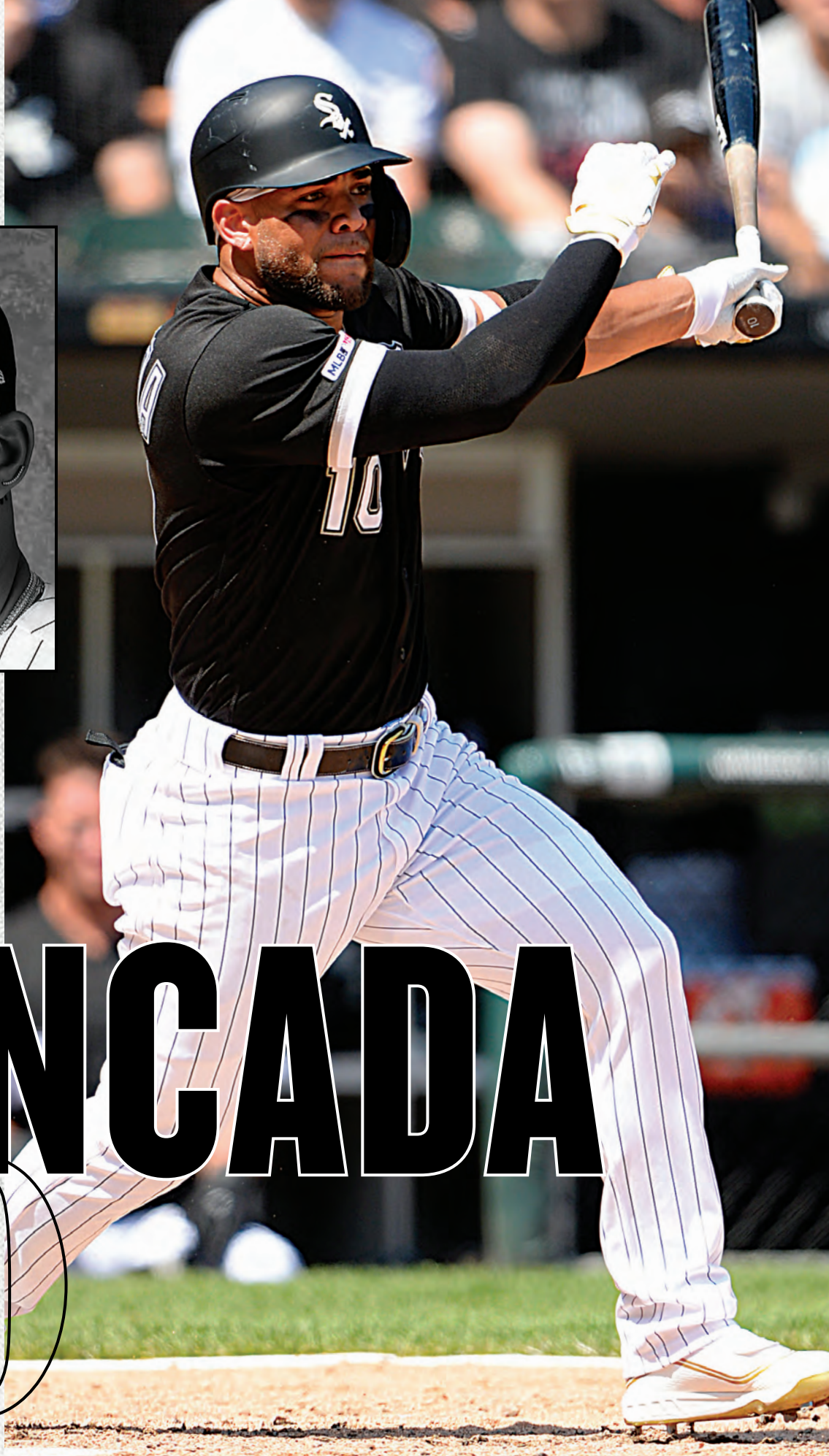
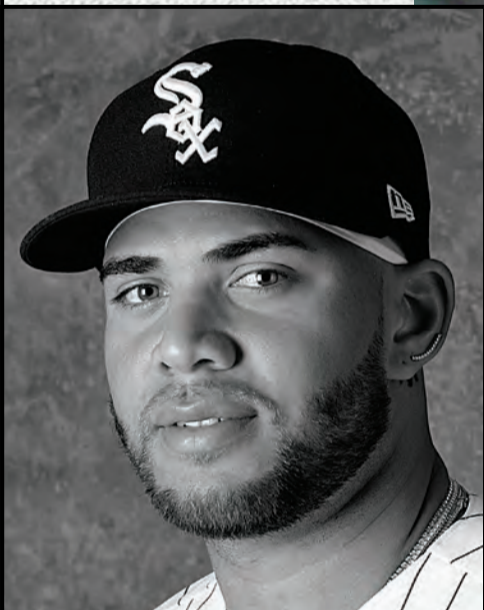




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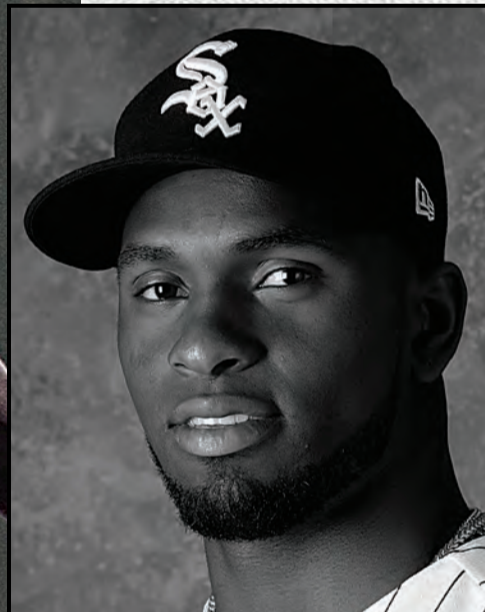
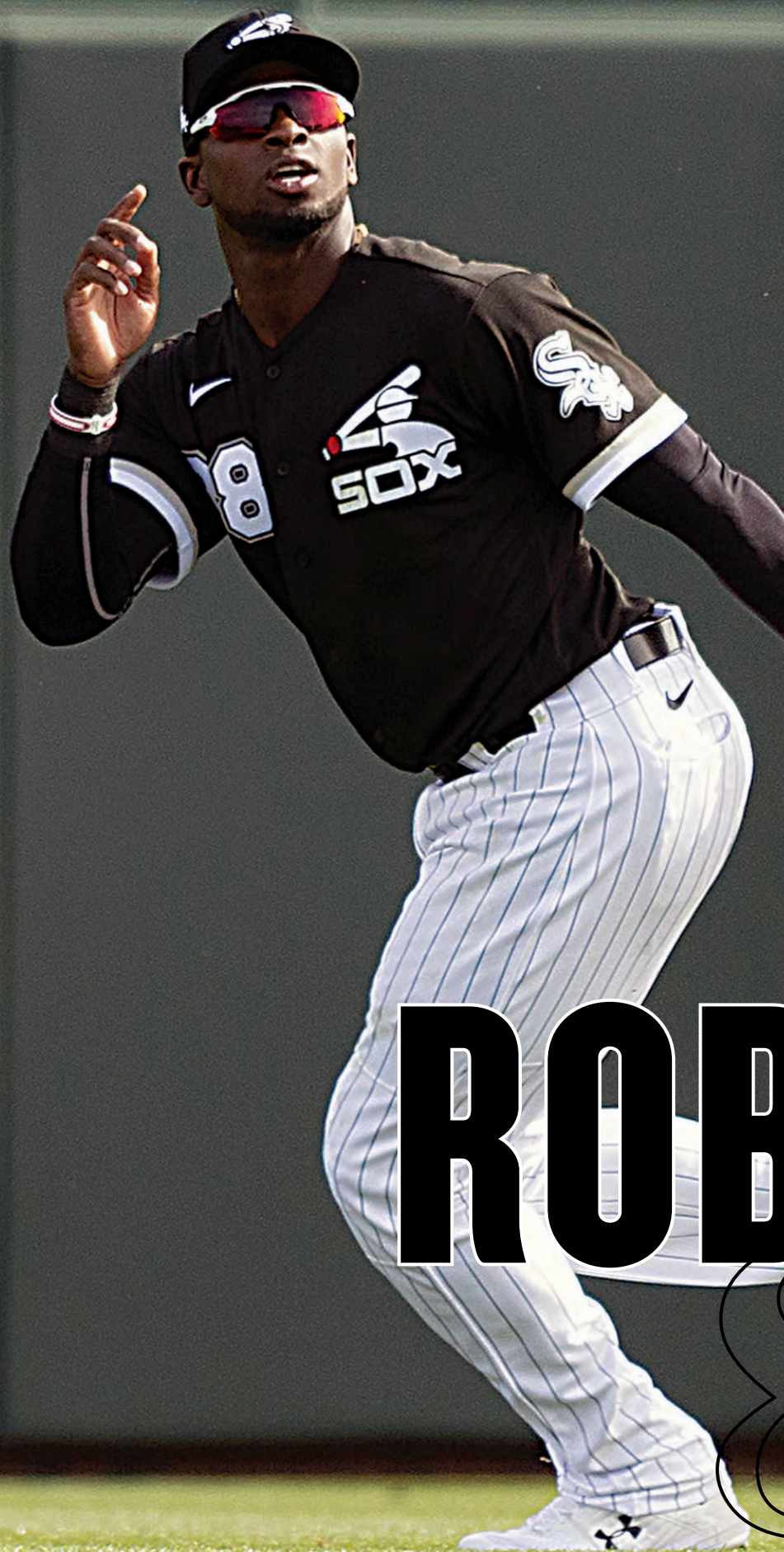
Opened in 2005, the 15,000-square-foot XFINITY Kids Zone is devoted to young White Sox fans, providing them with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of baseball from White Sox Youth coaches. It features a youth-sized whiffle ball diamond for coaching clinics, batting and pitching cages, batting "swing" boxes for proper batting techniques and areas for base running and skills instruction.

Located above the left-field concourse and overlooking the field, Xfinity Kids Zone opens with the gates and remains open throughout the game. It is accessible from both the lower and upper levels of the ballpark.

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The White Sox Good Grades Program allows teachers and school administrators the opportunity to honor students with complimentary tickets to a White Sox game. Designed for students who demonstrate great academic effort and achievement, you can use this program as an incentive or reward that best fits your school culture. Over 800 schools throughout the Chicago and Northwest Indiana area have registered in 2020.

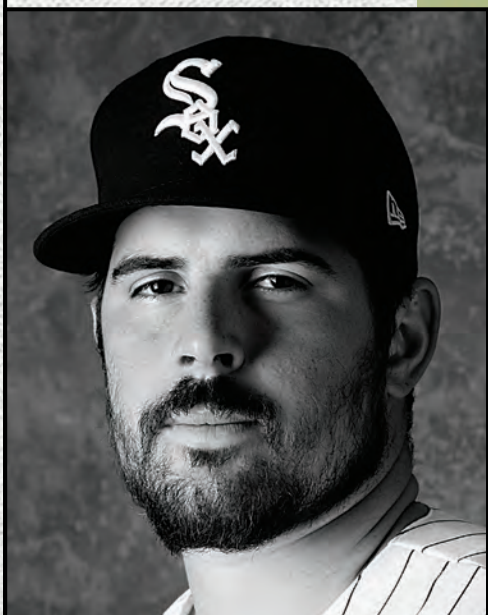




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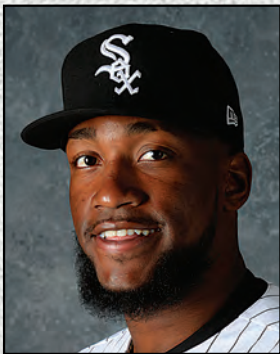


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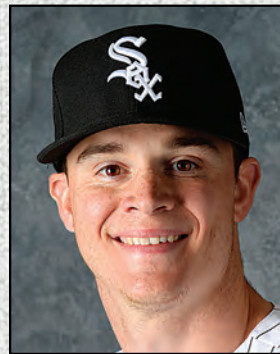
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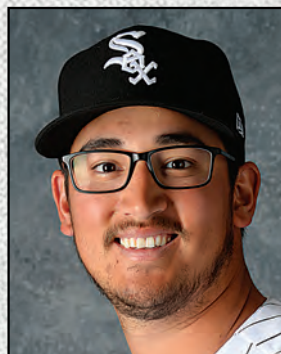
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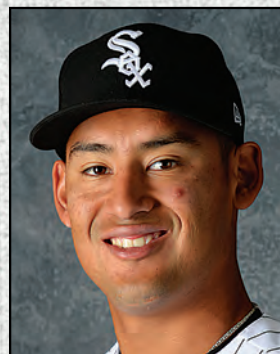
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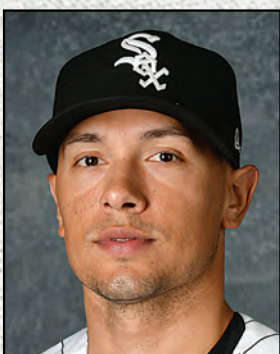
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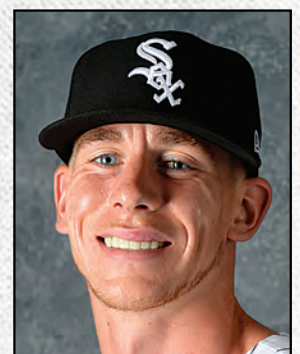
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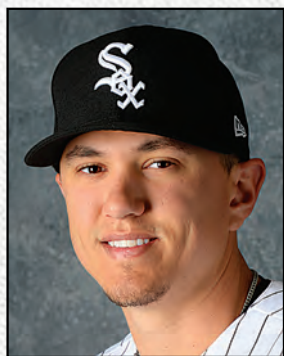


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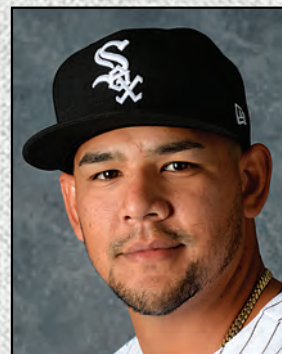
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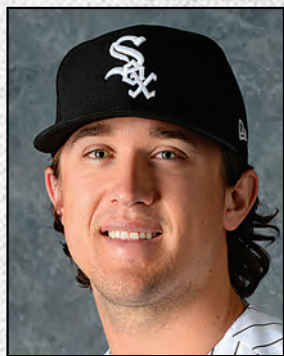
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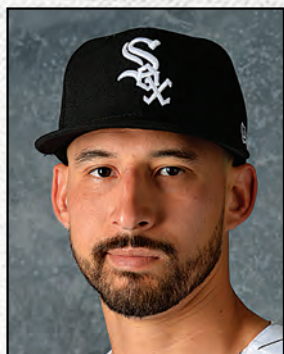
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